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## **Residents urged to abide by “Stay-at-Home” order**

The global pandemic brought about by COVID-19 has caused the city and state to issue “Stay-at-Home” orders to help slow the spread of the virus. **Alderman Khalif J. Rainey** is urging city residents, particularly those of the 7<sup>th</sup> District, to take this order seriously and remain at home.

“The orders issued by the city and state this week underscore how serious this health emergency is,” said Alderman Rainey. “I implore all residents to stay at home unless it is absolutely necessary to leave. I particularly want to encourage residents near St. Joseph’s and the Sherman Park area to abide by these orders, as those places have seen the greatest concentration of positive cases.”

Beginning Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> the Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital - St. Joseph Campus was one of several Ascension sites to start offering drive-thru testing. All drive-thru tests are by appointment only. Individuals who wish to be tested must first be pre-screened by an Ascension Medical Group provider by phone (1-833-981-0711), or virtually using Ascension Online Care ([ascension.org/OnlineCare](https://ascension.org/OnlineCare)).

The “Stay-at-Home” order aims to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to slow the spread of the virus. Residents should only leave their home to perform or obtain vital services. Among the businesses that remain open are grocery and supply stores, health care facilities and pharmacies, restaurants (take-out only), child care facilities, auto shops and gas stations.

## **Stay-at-Home order/ADD ONE**

Should someone have to leave their home they should follow the appropriate precautions. Practice proper social distancing and remain six feet apart from other people, remember to regularly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, cover coughs and sneezes, avoid touching your face, and stay home if you feel sick.

The order went into effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 25, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Commissioner.

Those with questions related to COVID-19 can call 2-1-1 to speak with a health care professional Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Visit [Milwaukee.gov/coronavirus](https://www.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus) for the latest news and information.