

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Legislature,

We are receiving lots of inquiries about whether the Governor is going to require the state to shelter in place. Please take note of the following facts:

- There is no current plan to require citizens of the state to shelter in place.
- The National Guard is being deployed to help with sites that have been set up to house persons who are awaiting test results and do not have a place to stay, to help stand up drive-thru testing sites, and to help evaluate structures that may serve as temporary hospitals to support the medical surge we anticipate.
- The National Guard has NOT been deployed to invoke martial law.
- Local governments have the ability shelter in place without approval or direction of the governor.
- Shelter in place, as implemented by other municipalities and states, is not a complete lockdown that requires people to not leave their homes. People are still allowed to go to work, to go to the grocery store, to go to the pharmacy, to go to the doctor, etc.

Please help us to share this with your constituents. It's important during this time of uncertainty that we maintain constant communication. Please know we are keeping you up to date as considerations and decisions are made. Rest assured that no decision relative to a shelter in place has been made. If the time comes that such measures are necessary to mitigate and slow the spread of COVID-19, we will absolutely have that discussion with you before announcements are made.

As always, we remain on call to answer any questions you may have or provide any assistance you may need.

Sincerely,

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