

## STAFF UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT PAUL CARLSEN – April 7, 2020

Team LTC,

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services released [a COVID-19 model](#) predicting a peak of cases between April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Note a peak does not represent an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, just a moment in time after which we would expect fewer cases to be reported. I do not know what this means for the Governor's Safer at Home order, which runs through at least April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Regardless, we need to prepare for the reality of college operations not going back to the way they were when we resume face-to-face instruction. We will likely have to observe social distancing and limit the number of people in gatherings for several months (likely as long as it takes to develop a vaccine or a treatment is identified). We also need to be prepared for an "on/off strategy" where we are again ordered to stay at home in the event we experience another wave of exponential growth. The Leadership Team and Incident Management Team continue to plan for this reality, and I am thankful for everyone's flexibility and adaptability.

Thanks, Paul