COVID-19
MASS GATHERING GUIDANCE
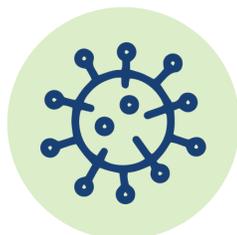
GATHERINGS OF 10 PEOPLE OR MORE

At the direction of Governor Tony Evers and under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 252.02(3), the Department of Health Services (DHS) orders all nonessential gatherings of 10 people or more be cancelled, postponed, or closed statewide. Event organizers of gatherings less than 10 attendees should exercise caution in order to protect their communities.

This order may include, but is not limited to mass gatherings at:
Public or private schools, auditoriums, theaters, movie theaters, museums, stadiums, arenas, conference rooms, meeting halls, exhibition centers, taverns, health and fitness centers, recreation centers, licensed pools, places of worship, and religious gatherings. For a complete list of exemptions, see Secretary-designee Andrea Palm's order on mass gatherings of 10 people or more.

All gatherings that bring together or are likely to bring together 10 or fewer people in a single room or confined or enclosed space at the same time must:
- Preserve social distancing of 6 feet between people, and
- Follow all other public health recommendations issued by DHS and CDC.

SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

A statewide moratorium on mass gatherings is intended to slow the spread of COVID-19. Mass gatherings during an outbreak have the potential to result in a large number of ill people that can quickly overwhelm local hospitals and clinics.

INDIVIDUALS AT GREATER RISK

Vulnerable individuals who are elderly or have underlying health care conditions are at a greater risk for more severe illness and death. In order to protect these more vulnerable members of our communities, we urge these individuals immediately begin to self-isolate.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

There is evidence that increasing social distancing (reducing close contact) is an effective tool for preventing the spread of disease and slowing the progression of epidemics.

GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD

Community events bring people from multiple communities into close contact with each other. Attendance from a wide range of geographic areas across Wisconsin, the U.S., or other countries has the potential to increase COVID-19 transmission.