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the health of our community

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COVID-19 Update: DHS Issues Update to Order Prohibiting Mass Gatherings of 10 People or More

Gov. Tony Evers yesterday directed Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to issue updates to the previous emergency order prohibiting gatherings of 10 or more people.

The updated emergency order maintains the ban on gatherings of 10 or more people and indefinite school closures, but includes some important changes and clarifications to the previous order.

Effective on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body art establishments, and tanning facilities must close.

All gatherings that bring together or are likely to bring together 10 or less people in a single room or confined space, whether inside or outside, at the same time must preserve social distancing and follow all other public health recommendations issued by DHS or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Social distancing means maintaining at least six feet between people and avoiding all direct physical contact. Voluntary cancellation, closure, or limitations on the size of gatherings beyond the requirements of this order are permitted and encouraged.

“Oneida County Health Department is keeping track of this outbreak,” said Linda Conlon, Oneida County Health Officer. “Our top priority at this time is to keep the community safe and healthy by reducing the spread of COVID-19, especially for those who are considered high risk. We have to take every precaution to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, while doing everything we can to assist businesses and communities during these uncertain times.”

This order is enforceable by any local law enforcement official, including county sheriffs. Violation or obstruction of this order is punishable by up to 30 days imprisonment, up to a \$250 fine, or both under Wisconsin State Statute § 252.25.

People should follow simple steps to prevent illness and avoid exposure to this virus including:

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- * Avoid social gatherings with people of all ages (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors in your home, non-essential workers in your house);
- * Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;
- * Covering coughs and sneezes;
- * Avoiding touching your face; and
- * Staying home when able.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. To read the latest information about COVID-19 check the OCHD website (oneidacountypublichealth.org), the Department of Health Services (DHS) website (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).

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