



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

Tony Evers, Governor
Andrea Palm, Secretary

EMERGENCY ORDER #5
PROHIBITING MASS GATHERINGS OF 10 PEOPLE OR MORE

1. Under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 252.02(3) and at the direction of Governor Tony Evers, I, Andrea Palm, Secretary-designee of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, order a statewide moratorium on mass gatherings of 10 people or more to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This order supersedes any previous Emergency Order that conflicts with this order.
2. Effective at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all public and private mass gatherings are prohibited in the State of Wisconsin.

“Mass gathering” is any planned or spontaneous, public or private event or convening that will bring together or is likely to bring together 10 or more people in a single room or single confined or enclosed space at the same time.

All gatherings that bring together or are likely to bring together less than 10 people in a single room or confined or enclosed space at the same time must:

- a. Preserve social distancing of 6 feet between people, and
- b. Follow all other public health recommendations issued by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Centers for Disease Control.

Voluntary cancellation, closure, or limitations on size of gathering beyond the requirements of this order are permitted.

3. Effective at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all bars and restaurants shall close in the State of Wisconsin, except as provided below for restaurants.

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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, and places of worship and religious gatherings.

This order exempts the following:

1. **TRANSPORTATION:**
 - a. Airports as long as restaurants comply with the restrictions in Section 11 below.
 - b. Mass transportation.
2. **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**
 - a. Public, private, and charter schools only for noninstructional purposes, such as medication pickup, childcare services, providing meals, and when operating as polling places.
3. **CHILDCARE**
 - a. Childcare locations (including those that operate within a facility that is otherwise prohibited), residential care centers, and group homes.
4. **HOTELS AND MOTELS**
 - a. Hotels and motels as long as restaurants comply with the restrictions in Section 11 below.
5. **GOVERNMENT**
 - a. Military and National Guard facilities.
 - b. Law enforcement, jails, secure treatment centers, and correctional facilities, including any facility operated by the Department of Corrections, and any facility used to respond to natural disasters or public health emergencies.
 - c. State and local government facilities, including government service centers, unless prohibited elsewhere in this order or another order.
 - d. Facilities operated by the Wisconsin Legislature or Wisconsin Court System.
6. **RELIEF FACILITIES**
 - a. Food pantries and shelter facilities, including day centers, for individuals and families.
7. **RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**
 - a. All residential buildings.
8. **RETAIL**
 - a. Retail establishments, including gas stations and auto-repair facilities, where large numbers of people are present but are generally not within arm's length of one another for more than 10 minutes. Indoor shopping malls shall close.

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