



Waukesha County

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STATEMENT FROM WAUKESHA COUNTY EXECUTIVE PAUL FARROW ON MASS GATHERINGS IN WAUKESHA COUNTY

(WAUKESHA, WI) - Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow made the following statement in conjunction and cooperation with the State of Wisconsin Division of Public Health's Mass Gathering Guidance that it issued on March 12, 2020:

"I am advising that all Waukesha County residents follow the Wisconsin Division of Public Health's recommendation to cancel non-essential gatherings of 250 people or more. Limiting instances of close contact is a vital approach to slowing the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19. I am also in strong support of the Division's recommendation to cancel or postpone non-essential gatherings of *less* than 250 people. Non-essential mass gatherings have the potential to result in a rapid spread of COVID-19 disease which would greatly affect our local healthcare systems and our economy. At this time, essential gatherings at locations such as health care facilities, area businesses, manufacturing facilities and government building are not recommended to be limited.

"It is important to remember that elderly individuals and those with underlying health conditions are at the greatest risk of mortality or serious complications from COVID-19 disease. We want to ensure that we are protecting Waukesha County's most vulnerable citizens and strongly recommend following these guidelines whenever possible to reduce the risk of COVID-19 disease spread."

Information about Waukesha County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic may be found on the county's website www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19 and on social media accounts. You may follow County Executive Farrow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CountyExecutivePaulFarrow/ and on Twitter @WaukeshaCoExec.

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