

MEMO

TO: Municipal Leaders in the Central Racine County Health Department Jurisdiction
FROM: Central Racine County Health Department
RE: Current Mass Gathering and Social Gathering Recommendations
DATE: July 20, 2020

The number of new cases in the CRCHD jurisdiction has doubled twice in the past three weeks. We are reaching the height of new cases seen in May in our jurisdiction, with no signs of slowing down. This trend is occurring not only in our jurisdiction but also in much of southeast Wisconsin. If we do not stop the virus now, this may impact the ability of schools and businesses to operate safely.

As permits and requests come to your municipalities to hold events, **we strongly urge you to NOT approve these as the current recommendation is to cancel or postpone indoor and outdoor mass gatherings.** This recommendation includes festivals, carnivals, fairs, concerts, parades, etc. For most public events, it is nearly impossible to ensure that the health department can perform contact tracing if there is a case at an event. If we cannot perform contact tracing, we may need to do a public notification to identify contacts, and this is not our preference. Similarly, for outdoor social gatherings, we recommend 25% capacity or 10 or fewer people, whichever is less, plus wearing a face covering and maintaining physical distance. For indoor social gatherings, we recommend 10 or fewer people, wearing a face covering and maintaining physical distance. For private events with no public access, please call us if you have questions.

We are closely monitoring the situation and will let you know when the case count starts to go down again. Thank you for helping ensure the safety and well-being of your residents and the community.

