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### **COVID-19 Update: DHS Issues Order Limiting Public Gatherings in Indoor Spaces**

Under the authority of Wisconsin State Statute § 252.02(3) and at the direction of Governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm has [ordered](#) a statewide limit on public gatherings in indoor public spaces to no more than 25% capacity to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Effective at 8:00 a.m. **Thursday, October 8, 2020**, all public gatherings in these spaces are limited to 25% of their occupancy capacity in the State of Wisconsin. This order will remain in effect until **November 6, 2020** or until a superseding order is issued.

“Public gathering” means an indoor event, convening, or collection of individuals, whether planned or spontaneous, that is open to the public and brings together people who are not part of the same household in a single room.

Places that are open to the public include, but are not limited to:

- Rooms within a business location, store, or facility that allow members of the public to enter.
- Ticketed events where tickets are available for free or for purchase by any individual or by any individual within a specific class of people.

For indoor spaces without an occupancy limit for the room or building that is established by the local municipality, such as a private residence, public gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people.

[Exceptions](#) to this order as well as a Frequently Asked Question [document](#) have been supplied by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and can also be found on the City of Franklin [website](#).

As always it is up to each of us in the greater Franklin community to do our part to prevent the spread of this illness. Wear a face covering when in public, maintain physical distance of 6 feet from those not in your household, wash your hands often, limit time you spend in public venues and stay home if you are ill.



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