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**SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE STATEMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The [Minnesota Department of Health](#) (MDH) released updated recommendations today (March 13) for general community strategies to help slow the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). The City of Hutchinson continues to encourage its residents to follow the recommendations of the MDH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

MDH recommends postponing and canceling the following:

- Large events where 250 people or more would gather, including but not limited to:
 - Concerts
 - Conferences
 - Professional, college, and school performances or sporting events
- Smaller events (fewer than 250 people) that are held in venues that do not allow social distancing of 6 feet per person.
- This includes gatherings in crowded auditoriums, rooms or other venues.
- Events with more than 10 people where the majority of participants are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, including gatherings such as those at:
 - Retirement facilities.
 - Assisted living facilities.
 - Developmental homes.
 - Support groups for people with health conditions.

You can view these recommendations, recommendations for individual personal protective measures, and additional recommendations for subgroups with higher risk on the MDH website: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/action.html?fbclid=IwAR0v9P7uyYX2h-gKwxMKh7dqj7WecrI5N6K9y5Gxln-iZPkB00X2FV3N6IA>

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