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

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released updated recommendations yesterday (March 15) for mass gatherings and large community events to help slow the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). The City of Hutchinson continues to encourage its residents to follow the recommendations of the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

The CDC recommends cancelling or postponing the following for the next 8 weeks:

- Organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States
- Events of any size should only be continued if they can be carried out with adherence to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing. When feasible, organizers could modify events to be virtual.

You can view the full recommendations and others on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>

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