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WVMA Member:

Yesterday, DHS Secretary Andrea Palm issued a **statewide order to limit the sizes of indoor gatherings**. Prior to this order, these limitations were established on a county-by-county level. The order generally limits gatherings to “no more than 25% of the total occupancy limits for the room or building, as established by the local municipality.”

“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.”

However, there are many locations/events that are EXEMPT under the order including private residences, childcare settings, 4k-12 schools, institutions of higher education, local governments, religious services, political events, or invitation-only events. Office spaces are not part of the definition of a public gathering if they are accessible only by employees or other authorized personnel. **Health care and public health operations, which includes “veterinary care” is exempt from the limitations on public gatherings.**

The order takes effect at 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, and will remain effect through Nov. 6.

Read the order:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/10/06/file_attachments/1564232/EmO03-LimitingPublicGatherings.pdf

Read the press release:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/2a47827>

The WVMA will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and how it impacts veterinary medicine in Wisconsin.

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