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Social Distancing and Mass Gathering Recommendations

Sioux City, IA – Each day more Iowans are diagnosed with the COVID-19. That's why the Woodbury County Emergency Management Agency and Siouxland District Health Department want to emphasize the importance of social distancing and following recommendations set forth by the federal government and Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds to limit mass gatherings to no more than 10 people at a time. Today, Governor Reynolds continued to encourage everyone to stay at home and only go out unless absolutely necessary.

"We are in unprecedented times," said Woodbury County Emergency Management Coordinator, Rebecca Socknat. "The more each person does to follow the Governor's declaration and recommendations, the more we can flatten the curve in the hopes to get back to our normal lives."

Governor Reynolds announced as part of her proclamation that all social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people are hereby prohibited at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020. This is why both agencies are strongly discouraging social activities that are not in compliance with these recommendations, such as but not limited to drive-in activities and parades for schools, long-term care facilities, and birthdays.

"We recognize it is important for people's mental and physical well being to be interact with others," said Kevin Grieme, Siouxland District Health Department Health Director. "However, these types of gatherings do not help to flatten the curve because of the large number of people taking part in each activity."

For more information on COVID-19 and recommendations for social distancing and mass gatherings please visit www.governor.iowa.gov.

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