

HIGH-LEVEL TALKING POINTS 11/18/20

- Throughout the pandemic, Governor Walz has followed the data. Now the data is moving rapidly and so must we.
- Last week, Governor Walz explained that he was taking action to target WHO, WHEN, and WHERE the virus is spreading.
- Now as cases skyrocket and hospital capacity is pushed to the brink:
 - The WHO is all of us.
 - The WHEN is all the time.
 - And the WHERE is what we need to focus on now.
- To figure out the WHERE, we need to think about what we've learned about COVID-19, how it spreads, and what situations increase risk. We also need to think about what environments are more conducive to risk reduction with the proper precautions.
- We know the virus spreads in places where people gather for long periods of time, especially when they take off their masks.
 - That's why we've found getting your hair cut in a salon where the customer and stylist are masked employees have even more protective equipment, a limited number of people are interacting, and are distanced from each and can get in and get out quicker, can have lower risk.
 - That's why we've found shopping in a grocery or retail store, with a mask and socially distanced, also appears to be lower risk.
- But our understanding of COVID also tells us that gathering with a group of your friends for dinner, where you might be seated closer together, and unmasked for longer periods of time while eating and drinking is more risky – whether that's at a bar, a restaurant or in your own home.
- Our understanding of the data and the risks associated with COVID-19 are the backbone of new measures we are announcing today. It is about the potential for spread of COVID-19 WHERE it is most risky.
- Governor Walz is announcing a dial back on social activities, in-person dining, sports, and fitness establishments for four weeks.
 - This means we are asking Minnesotans to hit pause on their social lives. No gatherings with people outside of your household.
 - Restaurants and bars are dialed back to delivery and takeout only. Gyms and fitness studios will need to close. Entertainment venues, event spaces, and similar establishments are also closed.
 - Youth sports are on pause. As a former football coach, Governor Walz recognizes the positive health impacts and unique developmental and social

benefits of sports. But the 192 outbreaks connected to sports are too concerning to let these activities continue during this dial back. Sports-related cases are nearly twice as prevalent among high school-age children as any other age group, and they increasingly play a key role in the need to move schools to distance learning.

- Places of worship - with appropriate social distancing, masking, and other mitigation measures - remain at the same capacity. Salons, barbershops, and personal services also remain at the same capacity.
- Childcare is open. Schools continue to operate under the Safe Learning Plan, which moves between distance, in-person, and hybrid model depending on the severity of the virus at the local level.
- Minnesota joins an increasing number of states imposing similar measures, including California, Michigan, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, and Vermont.
- In the near term, we know that this will be incredibly hard on many people. That is why Governor Walz is calling on the federal government to take immediate action to help our businesses and families make ends meet.
 - If Minnesotans have questions about unemployment insurance, please visit uimn.org.
- In the long term, we hope that this significant step will prove beneficial to Minnesotans, our schools, and our economy, and safely bridge the gap to more permanent solutions to this pandemic. If we don't take action now, there will be no economy to save.
- Minnesotans took action to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the spring. We did it before, and we can do it again.

If asked:

- Minnesotans seeking unemployment benefits should to <https://www.uimn.org/> to see if they are eligible.

For legislators only:

- Commissioner Malcolm and Commissioner Grove will host a briefing for all legislators following the Governor's announcement tomorrow at 10:30am. A calendar invite with a Microsoft Teams link will be sent out later today.

MN EO 20-99. Four Week Dial Back
Effective Friday November 20, 11:59pm – Friday, December 18, 11:59pm
Key Provisions

1. **Social gatherings** will be limited to your own household, both in your home and outside.
2. **The following venues will remain open at their current capacities:**
 - **All houses of worship** remain open at 50% capacity.
 - **Retail** will remain open at 100% capacity.
 - **Beauty salons** and personal care service establishments will remain open at 50%.
 - **Outdoor recreation** will be open including outdoor skating, downhill skiing, hiking, tubing, cross country skiing, hunting, fishing and playgrounds. Indoor facilities are closed.
3. **The following venues will be closed or adapted:**
 - **Bars and restaurants** will be closed for indoor and outdoor service. Take-out and food, beverage and liquor delivery is allowed.
 - **Gyms, fitness studios, yoga, martial arts, dance** and other similar establishments.
 - **Entertainment venues** including bowling, dance halls, meeting halls, pool halls, arcades, indoor ice rinks, museums, zoo, festivals and the like.
 - **Indoor and outdoor seated entertainment** and meeting venues including movie theaters, live performance, amphitheaters, raceways and the like.
 - **Public pools** and swim parks.
4. **All wedding and other life milestone celebrations, private parties and other social gatherings** will pause.
 - The religious ceremonies associated with these celebration may continue.
5. **All organized youth and adult sports** including association, club, intramural and school sports will pause.
 - Collegiate and professional sports will continue, but spectators will not be allowed.
6. **Schools** will continue to operate under the Safe Learning Plan.
7. **Child Care and youth programming** will remain open under current program guidances.
8. **Universities and Colleges** will continue to operate under the Higher Ed Guidance.
9. **Out of state travel** is highly discouraged. In-coming visitors and Minnesotans that travel out-of-state are asked to quarantine for 14 days.
10. The gathering restrictions do not generally apply to health care settings, nursing homes and other elderly care institutions, homeless shelters and the like as they operate under their own specialized protective rules. Addiction and related social support meeting will continue.

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Monday, November 16, 2020			
Communicated to whom	Communicated by whom	How	When
Press Conference	Governor Walz Commissioner Malcolm	Media Call	2:00 PM
Meeting with Tribal Leaders	Governor and Lt. Governor Commissioner Malcolm	Teams Meeting	3:30 PM
Tuesday, November 17, 2020			
Call Senator Klobuchar and Senator Smith	Governor Walz	Phone call with embargoed message	
MSHSL – Erich Martens	Heather Mueller	Phone call with embargoed message	
Press Conference	Governor Walz Commissioner Malcolm	Media Call	2:00 PM
Announcement Prep with Governor	Senior Team	Teams Meeting	4:30 PM
Prep with Governor Walz	Chris Schmitter Hue Nguyen	Teams Meeting	5:45 PM

	Commissioner Malcolm		
Call Speaker Hortman, Senator Kent, and Representative Winkler	Governor Walz Commissioner Malcolm Commissioner Grove	Teams Meeting	6:00 PM
Cabinet Call + Work Group Leads	Chris Schmitter	Teams Meeting	6:30 PM
All-Staff Call	Kristin Beckmann Chris Schmitter	Teams Meeting	7:00 PM
MHA + Hospital CEOs	Commissioner Malcolm	Teams Call	8:00 PM
Materials Overview	Patrick Tanis Jessi Held Outreach Team	Teams Meeting	8:00 PM
Calls to Tribal Leaders	TSR Team	Phone calls with embargoed messages	8:00 PM
Amateur Sports Commission	Commissioner Tomes + Heather Mueller	Phone calls with embargoed messages	8:00 PM
Hospitality Minnesota – Liz Rammer	Commissioner Grove + DEED Exec Team	Conference call	9:00 PM
MLBA – Tony Chesek	Commissioner Grove + DEED Exec Team	Conference call	9:00 PM

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andy Slavitt - Dean Finnegan - Mike Osterholm - Julie Ring - Carrie Oldfield - Sheila Kiscaden - Harlan Madsen - Penny Wheeler - Rahul Koranne 	<p>Commissioner Malcolm and MDH Exec Team</p>	<p>Phone calls with embargoed message</p>	<p>10:00 AM</p>
<p>Education Stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASA – Deb Henton • MSBA – Kirk Schenidewind • MREA – Bob Indihar • AMSD – Scott Croonquist • Charters – Eugene Piccolo • Private Schools – Tim Benz 	<p>Heather Mueller + MDE Exec Team</p>	<p>Phone calls with embargoed messages</p>	<p>10:00 AM</p>
<p>Smart Testing Advisory Group</p>	<p>Dan Huff + Laura Oliven</p>	<p>Teams Meeting</p>	<p>10:30 AM</p>
<p>Prep with Governor</p>	<p>Chris Schmitter Hue Nguyen</p>	<p>Teams Meeting</p>	<p>12:00 PM</p>
<p>Call with Legislative Leaders</p>	<p>Governor Walz Chris Schmitter Commissioner Malcolm</p>	<p>Teams Meeting</p>	<p>12:15 PM</p>

	Commissioner Grove Hue Nguyen		
Federal Delegation	Jeremy Bratt		1:00 PM (2:00 PM ET)
Constitutional Officers + Judiciary Ellison, Simon, Blaha, Gildea	Karl Procaccini	Phone calls with embargoed message	1:00 PM
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce – Doug Loon	Commissioner Grove	Phone call with embargoed message	1:30 PM
Minnesota Business Partnership – Charlie Weaver	Commissioner Grove	Phone call with embargoed message	1:30 PM
Additional DEED Key Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wade Luneberg • Lauren Bennett McGinty 	Commissioner Grove + DEED Exec Team	Phone calls with embargoed message	2:00 PM
State Ethnic Councils	Public Engagement Team	Phone calls with embargoed message	2:00 PM
Legislators – Jobs Leads - Chair Mahoney - Erik - Senator Champion - Erik - Senator Pratt - Charles	Governor’s Office – Charles Sutton/Erik Anderson	Phone calls with embargoed messages	2:00 PM
Legislators - HHS Leads - Senator Benson - Hali - Senator Abeler - Hali - Senator Hayden - Erik - Senator Marty - Erik - Rep. Schultz – Erik	Governor’s Office – Hali Kolkind/Erik Anderson	Phone calls with embargoed messages	2:00 PM

- Sen. Klein – Erik - Rep. Liebling - Hali			
Legislators – Education Leads	Governor’s Office – Aara Johnson	Phone calls with embargoed messages	2:00 PM
Legislators - Public Safety Leads	Governor’s Office – Emily Lefholz	Phone calls with embargoed messages	2:00 PM
Youth Sports Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Fitness outreach group • Hockey USA / MMA • Hockey Rink Operators 	Commissioner Tomes + Nancy Leppink	Phone calls with embargoed messages	2:00 PM
Professional Sports Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vikings • Wild • Timberwolves • MN United 	Patrick Tanis	Phone calls with embargoed message	2:00 PM
Calls to Mayors - Minneapolis – KB - Saint Paul – PT - Duluth – KB - Rochester – PT - Ramsey County – KB - Hennepin County - KB	Governor’s Office – Kristin Beckmann, Patrick Tanis	Phone calls with embargoed message	2:15 PM
Chambers of Commerce Roundtables: - Metro Roundtable - Greater MN Roundtable	DEED Exec Team + Patrick Tanis	Conference Call	2:15 PM
ISIAAH (KB) TakeAction (KB) Key Labor Orgs (PT)	Governor’s Office – Patrick Tanis & Kristin Beckmann	Phone calls with embargoed message	2:30 PM

Public Safety Calls	DPS Exec Team – Commissioner Harrington	Phone calls with embargoed message	2:30 PM
Fitness Centers Roundtable Group	Commissioner Tomes + Nancy Leppink	Conference call or phone calls with embargoed message	2:30 PM
Higher Education (U of M, Minn State, Private College Council, IFO)	Commissioner Olson	Phone calls with embargoed message	2:30 PM
Association of MN Counties League of MN Cities	Governor’s Office - Sasha Bergman	Conference Call	2:40 PM
MAC – Rick King	Governor’s Office – Suzanne Sobotka	Phone call with embargoed message	2:40 PM
MN Building Trades Leaders	Governor’s Office – Charles Sutton	Phone calls with embargoed message	2:40 PM
Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce – Jonathan Weinhagen St. Paul Regional Chamber of Commerce – B Kyle	Governor’s Office – Kristin Beckmann	Phone call with embargoed message	2:45 PM
Bars/Restaurants Roundtable	Commissioner Grove + Dan Huff	Conference call or phone calls with embargoed message	2:45 PM
Begin Outreach to Public Engagement Contacts – <i>Based on Companion Document</i>	Governor’s Office – Public Engagement Team	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:00 PM

Jewish Community Stakeholders – JCRC, MRA	Governor’s Office – Amanda Simpson	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:00 PM
Faith and Religious Organizations	Governor’s Office – Public Engagement Team	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:00 PM
Food System Leaders	Ag Exec Team	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:00 PM
Catholic Conference	Governor’s Office – Kayla Castaneda	Phone call with embargoed message	3:00 PM
POCI Caucus	Governor’s Office – Aara Johnson, Erik Anderson, + Sophie	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:30 PM
DNR Outdoor Recreation Stakeholders	DNR Exec Team	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:00 PM
Youth Sports Outreach Group	MDH Exec Team	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:00 PM
Representative Edleson and Representative Baker	Commissioner Grove	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:00 PM
Childcare Partners + Advocates ----- Mental Health Partners + Advocates	Children’s Cabinet Leadership Team	Phone call with embargoed message	3:00 PM
MN Community Ed Association	MDE Exec Team	Phone call with embargoed message	3:00 PM
Vulnerable Populations Outreach	Dan Pollock + Cathy ten Broeke	Phone call with embargoed message	3:00 PM

Long-Term Care/Older Adults Advocates			
Arts/Cultural Organizations Group	Patrick Tanis	Conference call	3:00 PM
Convention and Visitor Bureaus	DEED – John Edman, Explore Minnesota	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:00 PM
Call Faith Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archbishop Hebda • Rev. Billy Russell • Imam Asad Zamam • Rabbi Aaron Weininger • Bishop Ann Svennungsen 	Governor Walz Patrick Tanis	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:15 PM
Selected Boards and Councils	Governor’s Office – Madelyn Nelson	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:15 PM
Food Security Partners + Advocates	Governor’s Office - defer to Emmet Hedin	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:15 PM
Small/Medium Entertainment Roundtable	DEED Exec Team + Laura	Conference call	3:15 PM
Representative Morrison Senator Isaacson Senator Bigham	Governor’s Office – Erik Anderson	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:30 PM
Wedding Venue Stakeholders: - Wynee Reece	Laura Oliven	Phone calls with embargoed message	3:30 PM

- Maari Cedar James - Christie Altendorf			
Minnesota Mayors Together Leadership	DEED Exec Team + Patrick Tanis	Conference Call	4:00 PM
Indoor Entertainment Group	Kevin McKinnon	Conference call	4:00 PM
MN Grocers Association	Governor's Office – Charles Sutton	Phone call with embargoed message	4:00 PM
Large Venues Roundtable	DEED Exec Team + Dan Huff	Conference call	4:15 PM
MN Retailers Association – Bruce Nustad	Commissioner Grove	Phone call with embargoed message	4:30 PM
Utilities: - Xcel - MN Power - Others as deemed necessary	Governor's Office – defer to Charles Sutton	Phone call with embargoed message	4:30 PM
MN Community of Resorts	Governor's Office – Patrick Tanis	Phone calls with embargoed message	4:30 PM
Main Street Alliance of MN	Governor's Office – Charles Sutton	Phone call with embargoed message	4:40 PM
Additional Business Stakeholders	DEED Exec Team	Phone calls with embargoed message	4:45 PM
Commissioner's Advisory Council	MDH Exec Team	Phone call with embargoed message	5:00 PM
Additional Government Associations: Coalition of	Governor's Office – Erik Anderson	Phone calls with embargoed message	5:00 PM

Greater Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities, MLC, Minnesota Association of Townships			
MN Council of Nonprofits MN Council on Foundations	Governor's Office – Kristin Beckmann	Phone calls with embargoed message	5:00 PM
Additional Legislators – Chairs/Leads	Governor's Office – Per the discretion of the policy team	Phone calls with embargoed message	5:00 PM
Email to DFL Legislators	Governor's Office – Maddie Hormann	Email blast	5:00 PM
SEOC Call Center	Joe Kelly & Cheryl Petersen-Kroeber	Notification + Provide Embargoed Talking Points	5:15 PM
Local Public Health Leaders	Commissioner Malcolm + MDH Exec Team	Conference call	5:30 PM
Transit + Transportation Stakeholders	Governor's Office – defer to Suzanne	Phone call with embargoed message	5:30 PM
Allies List	Governor's Office – Kayla Castaneda	Email blast	5:45 PM
State Employees	MMB	Email blast	5:58 PM
Press Release	6:00 PM		
Governor Walz Joins MDH Press Conference	6:00 PM		

Public Engagement & Equity Update	Governor's Office – Public Engagement	Email blast	7:00 PM
Thursday, November 19, 2020			
All Legislator Briefing	Commissioner Malcolm Commissioner Grove	Teams Meeting	10:30 AM