



## County of Fresno DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

March 13, 2020

The Fresno County Department of Public Health (FCDPH) is following the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommendations to slow the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases in our community. To protect public health and slow the rate of transmission of COVID-19, mass gatherings should be postponed or cancelled for at least the remainder of the month of March. Full CDPH guidance for mass gatherings can be found on the following webpage: [www.fcdph.org/covid19](http://www.fcdph.org/covid19).

The FCDPH recommends the following:

- Large gatherings that include 250 people or more should be postponed or canceled.
  - This includes gatherings such as concerts, conferences, and professional, college, and school sporting events.
- Smaller gatherings held in venues that do not allow social distancing of six feet per person should be postponed or canceled.
  - This includes gatherings in crowded auditoriums, rooms or other venues.
- Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people.
  - This includes gatherings such as those at retirement facilities, assisted living facilities, developmental homes, and support groups for people with health conditions.
- A “gathering” is any event or convening that brings together people in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, or any other indoor or outdoor space.

The FCDPH has confirmed one (1) case of COVID-19, which was announced on March 7, 2020. The FCDPH has not confirmed community transmission. The goal of this recommendation is to prevent people physically coming together unnecessarily, where people who have the infection can easily spread it to others. This guidance does not apply to activities such as attendance at regular school classes, work, or essential services.

Certain activities are essential to the functioning of our county and must continue, therefore this guidance does not apply to essential public transportation, airport travel, or shopping at a store or mall. Other specific guidance can be found on the CDPH website to help people take actions that can protect them in those settings. Please visit [www.cdph.ca.gov/covid19](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/covid19) for more information.

Sincerely,

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