



WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE PRAIRIE
Todd County
● MINNESOTA ● EST. 1855 ●

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COVID Update- Executive Order 20-99

Todd County is experiencing a significant increase of COVID-19 cases along with the rest of Minnesota. From November 6th through November 19th, Todd County reported 445 positive COVID-19 cases. With this large amount of community transmission, residents are more likely to come in contact with a person who is infected with COVID-19 during family and social gatherings.

There is great concern that without following prevention measures our local hospitals may reach capacity and hospital beds will not be available to those who are seriously ill or injured. **It remains critically important, at this point in time, that we all wear masks, social distance by at least 6 feet, wash our hands often, keep social/family gatherings small, and stay home if we're feeling sick or have been exposed to COVID-19.** The more we work together to practice these measures, the more we will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

On November 18th, Governor Walz signed Emergency Executive Order 20-99 which placed the following restrictions effective this Friday, November 20th, 2020 at 11:59pm through Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 at 11:59 pm:

1. 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, amphitheatres, raceways and the like.
 - Public pools and swim parks.
2. All wedding and other life milestone celebrations, private parties and other social gatherings will pause.
 - The religious ceremonies associated with these celebration may continue.
3. Social gatherings should be limited to your own household, both in your home and outside.
4. 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.



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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

For more details on Executive Order 20-99- https://mn.gov/governor/assets/EO%2020-99%20Final%20%28002%29_tcm1055-454239.pdf

MDH Online Complaint Form-

If there is an instance where a bar or restaurant is not compliant, Minnesotans can follow the instructions on the MDH Online Complaint Form - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/food/license/complnt.html>

Minnesota Helpline:

For questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, call 651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504
Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.