



Manitowoc County Health Department

Mission: To Protect and Promote the Health of Manitowoc County in Partnership with our Community

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Manitowoc County Public Health Order #3

Today Manitowoc County Public Health Officer Mary Halada, acting in accordance with Wisconsin Statute § 252.03(2), issues the following orders supplementing the Manitowoc County Executive's March 16, 2020 Proclamation Declaring Public Health Emergency and the Wisconsin Department of Health Service Emergency Order #12 in response to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency:

I am issuing this Health Order #3 dated April 15, 2020 and ordering the closure of all campgrounds in Manitowoc County effective May 1, 2020 for the following reasons:

1. The County has a large percentage of aged population, and data demonstrates that the aged population is particularly vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus.
2. The County has approximately 677 campsites, which draw people from both inside and outside the County.
3. Camping is not an essential activity and camping in the County encourages non-essential travel.
4. Camping visitors from outside the County will increase shopping at local stores in our County for supplies and groceries, which limits the available supplies for County residents.
5. Camping allows for unmonitored congregating of groups greater than ten (10) people, which is prohibited under EO #12.
6. Camping, and activities related thereto, reduces the ability to properly social distance, especially in communal locations in campgrounds (e.g. campsites and bathrooms).

Campgrounds must be closed to all camping from all campground sites during the term of the Manitowoc County Executive's March 16, 2020 Proclamation Declaring Public Health Emergency.

This Health Order dated April 15, 2020 will remain in effect for a period as long as the Proclamation Declaring Public Health Emergency by the Manitowoc County Executive is in effect, or as otherwise ordered by this department.