

# FOND DU LAC COUNTY SAFE RESTART PHASE 1 FAQs



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## **Q1: Is Phase One the same as the Safer at Home Order?**

**A:** No. Phase One of the Fond du Lac County Safe Restart is not the same as the Safer at Home Order that was issued by Governor Evers. The Fond du Lac County Safe Restart is a plan that provides recommendations and guidance in a consistent manner to county residents and businesses after the Badger Bounce Back plan did not move forward.

## **Q2. How is this any different from what was currently happening in Fond du Lac County?**

**A:** Phase One has recommendations for a smaller capacity limits and social gatherings to help slow the spread of the virus. In Phase One, the recommendation is to limit capacity in non-essential business, bars, restaurants, and organizations to 25%. Prior to August 24, 2020, Fond du Lac County was in Phase Two which has a recommendation to limit capacity in those places to 50%.

In Phase One, the recommendation is to limit private indoor social gatherings to 10 people or less with physical distancing. As compared to Phase Two, the recommendation for private indoor, social gatherings is limited to 50 people or less with physical distancing. In Phase One it is also encouraged to offer and use curbside pick-up to reduce in-store traffic and long lines.

## **Q3: Does Phase One mean virtual learning for students at school?**

**A:** No. School reopening plans are considered separate from the Fond du Lac County Safe Restart Plan but the plan may be used as a tool to help with decisions made by school districts. Each school district has a plan for reopening their schools and when they will transition between learning models. The Health Department continues to have conversations with school districts' leadership teams and provides multiple tools and data sets that can help guide decision making. School districts have plans in place to protect students, which include a variety of mitigation strategies to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus.

## **Q4: What does this mean for childcare?**

**A:** This does not affect childcare organizations.

**Q5: What does Phase One mean for outdoor gatherings?**

**A:** Large gatherings of people are not recommended at this time. If community members choose to hold events outdoors they should allow for all people to maintain at least 6 feet of distance (36 square feet per person) from others. Face coverings are strongly recommended outdoors when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.

**Q6: Should large events such as community picnics, festivals, concerts and other events be hosted during this time?**

**A:** The Health Department strongly advises against holding large community events and gatherings during this time. We continue to see a high number of case counts with an upward trend. From a public health standpoint, large gatherings are not encouraged due to the increased risk of transmission with so many individuals in one place. These type of events do not allow for social distancing and tend to not follow the mask mandate. We would ask that these events be postponed or canceled due to the virus.

**Q7: How do we advance from Phase One to Phase Two?**

**A:** For the county to advance back to Phase Two, all benchmark criteria must have statuses in at least yellow for at least 14 days.

**Q8: What does Phase One mean for school sports and community-based youth sport organizations, clubs, and activities?**

**A:** At this time, the health department does not recommend playing high and moderate impact sports and other co-curricular activities, and has advised school districts to hold off on these activities until October 1st. These activities add another layer onto contact tracing and provide an opportunity to increase risk/exposure to other children they normally are not around. By asking school districts to pause on sports and co-curricular activities at this time, they can focus on instruction and reducing virus transmission. If low risk sports have already started, they can continue with safety protocols in place. As for other community-based youth sport organizations, clubs and activities outside of the school, the health department advises they follow guidance as outlined by the CDC to keep activities at lower risk. For example, this includes physical distancing while not actively engaged in play, decreasing team sizes, not competing against other teams, minimizing equipment sharing, disinfecting shared objects, and more as recommended by the [CDC](#).