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As COVID-19 continues to spread, many state and local governments, informed by CDC recommendations, are shutting down schools and businesses and setting limits on the sizes of public gatherings.

The latest recommendation announced Monday by the federal government to promote social distancing and limit the transmission of the coronavirus: no more than 10 people in one place.

Issued from the White House Monday 3/16/20:

The full list of the “15 Days to Slow the Spread” guidance is as follows:

1. Listen and follow the directions of your state and local authorities.
2. If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
3. If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.
4. If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.
5. If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.
6. If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.
7. Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to stop the spread of the coronavirus.
8. Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
9. If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
10. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people
11. Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts

- use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options.
- 12. Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
- 13. Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- 14. Practice good hygiene.
- 15. Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
- 16. Avoid touching your face.
- 17. Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
- 18. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

Governor De Santis stated for Florida 3/17/20 11 am:

1. Remote learning for the rest of the spring semester for all FL universities
2. Restaurants – Similar to CA – 50% capacity limitation, seating distance of greater than 6 ft. Please use take out and delivery services.
3. Requiring restaurants to screen all employees in terms of health
4. Local governments can go further in restrictions
5. Bars and nightclubs effective 5 pm on 3/17 are suspended for 30 days.
6. Beaches – no groups of more than 10 statewide, 6 ft. spacing

