

The Winnebago County Parks Department & Sunnyview Expo Center continue to follow guidelines* for events/gatherings provided by the Winnebago County Health Department during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Winnebago County COVID 19 positive cases have continued to rise throughout the month of August. The Winnebago County Health Dept. reports that in Winnebago County the burden of confirmed COVID-19 cases is high and the activity level is also high. Over the past two weeks, individuals aged 30-39 and 50-59 had the highest confirmed case rates. Testing percent positivity is at 4.2% for the past two weeks, however, the amount of testing remains inadequate. Not all persons with symptoms are able to get a test at this time. Winnebago County is working on establishing a permanent community testing site. Increased physical distancing and mask wearing are needed now to reduce case counts and decrease community spread. Keep your social circles small and avoid crowded indoor spaces.

COVID-19 can spread easily at events where you cannot control who you come into contact with and there's limited physical distancing, handwashing and other protective measures. At this time, the Winnebago County Health Department does not recommend holding or attending a gathering or event with people outside of your household. If we cannot convince you otherwise, we've put together these guidelines to enhance the protection of individuals and communities.

- Winnebago County Parks & Sunnyview Expo Center will continue the practice of <u>not</u> <u>booking any new events through the end of November.</u>
- <u>All previously scheduled October events/gatherings will not be allowed to take place at</u> <u>Winnebago County facilities.</u> At this time no decision has been made regarding already scheduled November/December events/gatherings which will be addressed at the end of September.

Any Park facilities opened for public use are done so with the notification that use of these facilities is not recommended and comes at the user's risk. The department will continue to retain the posture that, until further notice, no organized events involving large group gatherings will be recognized as being allowed to use the Community Park as a base for said activities.

The Parks Department will continue to follow Winnebago County Health Department recommendations.

The following link provides information from the WI DCF on preparing for the start of the school year. <u>https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/childcare/families</u>