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## Wisconsin Emergency Physicians Support State's Gathering Restriction Order

The Wisconsin Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (WACEP) supports the temporary restriction on indoor gatherings announced today. Over the last several weeks we have observed an incredible and unfortunate growth in the number of new cases of COVID-19 in our communities. Although many patients have minor symptoms, our community depends on <a href="everyone">everyone</a> following the important public health measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to our elderly or vulnerable population who are most significantly impacted and often require hospitalization. Right now, many hospitals across our state are under crisis operations and we must do our part to reduce new cases or our healthcare resources will simply be overrun. Wisconsin Emergency Physicians know that this order is vital to our mission of fighting COVID-19.

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