

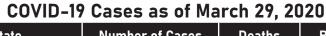
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## **Current Regulations in Minnesota**

Because we are experiencing a rapidly changing situation, regulations may also change frequently.





State	Number of Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Minnesota	503	9	134
Montana	161	1	0
North Dakota	98	1	18
Oregon	548	13	0
South Dakota	90	1	29
Washington	4,483	200	420
United States	141,854	2,475	4,435



# What the Minnesota Laws are saying

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 Physical distancing is also sometimes called "social distancing." When you are exposed to an illness, there is a time between exposure and when you begin to feel symptoms which can last up to 14 days. Therefore, there is a chance you will spread the virus before you feel sick. Physical distancing is deliberately increasing the space between people to avoid spreading illness. Stay at least six feet (visualize two arm-lengths) away from other people to lessen your chances of catching COVID-19.

#### Self-Isolation

• Self-isolation means staying home and avoiding other people when you could make them sick, especially if there is a likelihood you are carrying the virus. This is necessary to curb the spread of illness. **DO NOT** attend activities or gatherings during this time including work, school, and Gebet. This ensures that your loved ones will not get sick and spread the illness.

### **STAY HOME EXECUTIVE** ORDER

- The Stay Home Executive Order was issued by the Governor and came into effect statewide on March 27 at midnight. This means that as much as possible, people should remain in their homes and venture out only for essential reasons like purchasing food and accessing other necessary supplies and services.
- All non-essential travel should be stopped at this time.
- Exempted activities include:
  - Health and safety activities
  - Care for others
  - Outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, biking, walking, jogging (while maintaining) six-foot physical distancing)

Events  Lehr und Gebet  Communal Meals  Essenschuel  Choir Practices  Other Gatherings	<ul> <li>Congregants should not be gathering for Lehr und Gebet at this time. Communities are encouraged to use technology to aid in facilitating services.</li> <li>All communal meals for children and adults should be canceled. Meals should be eaten at home.</li> <li>Baptisms and weddings should be postponed.</li> <li>Avoid greetings that involve touching, such as handshakes or embracing.</li> <li>Choir practices and all other events that bring people into physical proximity should be canceled.</li> <li>In the event that the community kitchen will still be utilized to prepare food for families, care should be taken to reduce the chance of virus transmission when the meals are fetched. Physical distancing and sanitizing remains essential especially in communal spaces.</li> <li>Remember, these regulations are meant to be a temporary measure aimed at slowing the spread of the virus. It is critical that our communities comply with these measures so as to protect our most vulnerable members.</li> </ul>
Workplaces  Barns  Shops  Manufacturing	<ul> <li>The Governor Stay Home Executive Order effectively closes all non-essential businesses.</li> <li>Workers in essential parts of the economy are exempted and can continue working: <ul> <li>First responders</li> <li>Food and agriculture businesses</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Faith leaders and workers</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Construction and other critical trades</li> <li>Child care providers</li> <li>Critical manufacturing</li> </ul> </li> <li>Essential workers must maintain physical distancing of six feet at all times while working, including in barns, shops, and in manufacturing.</li> </ul>
Schools, Gyms, and Klanaschuel	<ul> <li>All public schools are suspended until at least May 4 to help limit the spread of COVID-19 across communities.</li> <li>While classroom lessons are suspended, it is expected that schools will implement a variety of measures to ensure continued learning for students.</li> <li>For the safety of our children, this includes deutsche Schule, and children should be instructed in physical distancing.</li> <li>Community gyms and outdoor play structures should be closed.</li> </ul>
Enforcement and Fines	<ul> <li>Any person who willfully violates such an order or rule is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction must be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup> This information has been compiled based on various federal and state government sources and is intended as information only. It does not constitute legal advice.

