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(Preview) Safer at Home Order - Closure of Playgrounds



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Hi,

Based on Gov. Tony Evers issuing Emergency Order #12, Safer at Home Order which goes into effect at 8:00 a.m. on March 25th, it has been stated that playgrounds shall be closed un the following language:

4. (b.) Places of public amusement and activity. Whether indoors or outdoors, including b not limited to amusement parks, carnivals, water parks, licensed public or private swimming pools, splash pads, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's pl centers, **playgrounds**, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, movie and other theate concert and music halls, country clubs, social clubs, and gyms and fitness centers.

CVMIC recommends the following action:

- At a minimum, the municipality should consider posting a notice of playground closure their website

Beyond posting the notice on the website, additional steps (below) are up to the municipality' risk tolerance level.

- The factors and considerations listed below impact how a municipality communicates playground closures. This includes website posting, social media posting, signage, and fencing. Under Wisconsin Statutes 895.52 (Recreational Immunity) and 893.80 (4) Discretionary Immunity, the decision in how this is communicated would be a discretionary action by the municipality.
- Factors and considerations may include:
 - Current staffing levels
 - The physical location of playgrounds
 - Number of playgrounds within the system
 - Community, elected official expectations
- If signs are posted, it is recommended that a sign be posted at the path coming of the parking lot or main entrance and then a location closer to the playground equipment (outside of the established playground use zone).

Example of website or playground signage language:

Per the Safer at Home Order, effective March 25, 2020, all playgrounds are closed to public u until further notice.

Example of a Social Media Post: