



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Division of Food and Recreational Safety

Operating Meat Plants Following Emergency Order No. 5

If you are not already aware, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) wants to provide additional information on Gov. Tony Evers' [emergency order](#) issued on March 17 and how it affects you.

While the proclamation limits gatherings to fewer than 10 people, it also provided a number of exemptions. A few key points:

- Meat establishments are exempt and can operate with more than 10 employees or customers present.
- Meat establishment inspections for slaughter and processing are considered essential services, and they will be conducted as normal as possible.
- Please assist DATCP inspection staff in maintaining good hygiene and social distancing of at least 6 feet.

This order remains in effect for the duration of the public health emergency declared in [Order No. 72](#), or until a superseding order is issued.

Helpful Resources on COVID-19

The [State of Wisconsin created a webpage](#) that offers resources from various agencies and answers to critical questions. Here are a few other resources from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) that might be helpful during this challenging time:

- [COVID-19 Information](#)
- [COVID-19 Facts: Why Social Distancing](#)
- [COVID-19 Facts: Protect Your Family](#)

Thank you for your role in keeping Wisconsinites safe and healthy by reducing the spread of COVID-19. If you have any questions, please send them to datcpfoodcomplaintsemergencyresponse@wisconsin.gov.



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