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.