Williamston Sunrise Rotary Health and Safety Committee

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REPORT

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**CHARGE**

* Advise Board and promote understanding of what can be done, and what should be done, to ensure safety of WSR members engaged in face-to-face Rotary activities during COVID-19.
* The committee will meet as needed, when a face-to-face activity is proposed, or if State Emergency or MDHHS orders or CDC guidelines change, and at each phase of vaccine distribution.
* Provide an oral Report as requested at regular club meeting

**REPORT** This report relies on CDC Guidelines, MDHHS Emergency Order dated October 29, 2020, and then-current local COVID-19 infection data. Michigan is in an uncontrolled epidemic situation. The October 29 emergency orders establish the following legal requirements for nonresidential indoor “gatherings” and facemask usage:

1. No more than 50 people may gather in an indoor non-residential setting without fixed seating, and attendance at indoor gatherings is limited to 20 persons per 1000 SF in each occupied room.

2. Additionally, and cumulatively, each person must wear a mask covering mouth and nose and be distanced 6 FT apart.

CDC guidelines recommend no more than 15 minutes of contact under these situations.

**RECOMMENDATION** WSR should not conduct face-to-face meetings or in-person activities at this time. ***As a leading service organization WSR should set a good community example by adherence to CDC guidelines and MDHHS Emergency Orders and should not engage in activity which is inappropriate and possibly illegal.*** Vaccine distribution will be in phases that will require several months to administer. A reassessment of this recommendation should occur at each phase.

INTERACT: Not withstanding that Interact Club has its own charter, the committee recommends that WSR adult members who are engaged with Interact should be advised of WSR safety recommendations when considering logistics and activities.

**UPDATE:** Due to new data on weekly diagnosis rates, increased test positivity results and a four-fold increase in Covid 19 death rates since early October, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued a revised Emergency Order on November 15, 2020. This Order will be in effect from Wednesday November 18 through December 8. Most pertinent to the issue of whether to conduct in-person membership meetings are the following provisions:

1. **Indoor gatherings** (a gathering being any occurrence where two or more persons from more than one household are present in a shared space) **are prohibited at nonresidential venues.**

**2. Gatherings are permitted at food service establishments only in the specific context of custodial settings, medical facilities , school and university cafeterias, shelters, and soup kitchens. The net result is that indoor dining is not permitted at bars and restaurants.**