

Press Release

New London St. Patrick's Day Parade Canceled

On Thursday March 12th WI Governor Tony Evers In response to the COVID-19 declared a State of Health Emergency in the State of WI and the WI Department of Health and Human Services came out with a guideline for large gathering. Part of the guideline stated: **The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends that all non-essential gatherings of 250 or more people be cancelled or postponed statewide to help protect Wisconsinites from the spread of COVID-19, particularly those who are most vulnerable to infection and severe disease.**

On Friday New London City Officials consulted with the Waupaca County and Outagamie County Department of Health and Human Services, Waupaca County Emergency Management, and ThedaCare. After evaluating all the information and recommendations the New London Shamrock Club and City of New London Officials are announcing the St. Patrick's Day events including the parade have been cancelled. The switching of the signs and Hooligan Day will continue.

Rest assured, this decision was not taken lightly as we understand the positive economic and social benefits this event has for New London businesses and the community as a whole. However, complying with federal and state recommendations at this time is more important as the health of New London residents is our first priority.

We urge our citizens to avoid contact or interaction with crowds; wash hands frequently; cover your sneeze or cough; and if you feel sick, stay at home.

For more information on the COVID-19 please go to:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>