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The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors is aware of several mass gatherings scheduled to take place this weekend, as well as other public and private gatherings planned for the future.

Tuolumne County has seen a spike in COVID-19 cases in a short period of time and we are concerned that any mass gathering will result in additional cases, pose a harm to vulnerable populations and overwhelm our local health care system.

Any type of gathering that involves individuals from different households presents an especially high danger of transmission and spread of COVID-19 and are not currently allowed per State and Local Health Orders.

Tuolumne County is experiencing community transmission of COVID-19 and any mass gathering increases the risk of that transmission.

Pursuant to the State's Orders, certain gatherings such as religious services and protests are permitted only if individuals follow the State guidelines for such events. However, even though these types of events are permitted, these events are not safe and pose a serious risk to the health of those who attend.

It is very important that individuals continue to follow State and Local Health Orders and prevention recommendations:

- Practice physical distancing at all times
- Avoid any mass gathering
- Wear a face covering when in public
- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently
- Stay home if you are sick
- Avoid unnecessary travel and outings

The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors implores the public to make intelligent choices and not participate in gatherings and events.