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### MDI Update: COVID-19 and Action Plan for Team Meetings

*St. Cloud, MN (03.19.2020)*— On Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 President Donald Trump issued guidelines that called for Americans to avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people and limit discretionary travel. In an increase in measures to limit the spread of COVID-19, the Minnesota Dairy Initiative would like MDI coordinators, farmer applicants, and team members to use discretion when planning and attending on-farm team meetings.

The Minnesota Dairy Initiative would like for teams to follow the guidelines of 10 or less people in attendance and to observe best health practices which include the following:

- If feeling ill, do not attend meetings and stay home;
- Cough/sneeze into your arm or tissue and wash your hands afterwards;
- Try to stay in groups of 6 or less and avoid close contact. Put distance between yourself and other people by 6 feet;
- Clean your hands often – wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces;
- Have meetings electronically/online if possible.

Please use discretion from MDI coordinators, farmer applicants, and team members as each region continues to move forward. Health and safety of all participants is the most important factor.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Leah Bischof, MDI State Director, at (320) 429-0611 or [leahbischof@gmail.com](mailto:leahbischof@gmail.com).

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