

Wisconsin Counties Association: Statement on COVID-19 and local health order authority

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There have been various recent reports of Wisconsin Counties Association positions regarding COVID-19 and local health order authority.

Wisconsin Counties Association has made no statement on the legality of local public health orders and has issued no formal guidance on such. The Association held a webinar call with membership on May 14, 2020 discussing uncertainty regarding the [Supreme Court ruling](#) and its impact on state and local authority. To reiterate the statements made on the call, counties should act in the best interest of their citizens. We recommend counties consider [WEDC guidelines](#) on business reopening, [WHA health and hospital data](#) , and communication with neighboring counties to facilitate a regional approach if possible.