



## *Department of Public Health*

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### **STATEMENT FROM PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONER**

### **DR. MICHAEL MENDOZA**

**Monroe County Public Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Mendoza responds  
to comments made during the Governor's briefing today**

“The Monroe County Department of Public Health has said for weeks that the majority of community spread of COVID-19 has come from small gatherings of people not wearing masks, physically distancing or following other proper guidelines. MCDPH regularly reports instances of possible transmission in bars and restaurants, but has not had to issue such reports for many other businesses to date. We continue to encourage our residents to follow the recommended guidelines, including wearing a face covering in public, limiting interactions with those outside your household, maintaining six feet physical distancing and regular hand hygiene.” – **Dr. Michael Mendoza, Commissioner of the Monroe County Department of Public Health**