Community organizations encourage students not to gather

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La Crosse, Wis. — Nine community organizations team up to develop social media messaging to encourage students not to gather ahead of what would traditionally be Oktoberfest weekend in La Crosse.

Who: University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Viterbo University, Western Technical College, Three Sixty Real Estate Solutions, Benson Management, La Crosse Police Department, La Crosse County Health Department, Mayo Clinic Health System, and Gundersen Health System

What: Local organizations partner to create Instagram videos, as well as a graphic to be used on any social media platform by all partnering agencies, including local media interested in sharing our message. In addition, a letter to students addressing best health and safety practices was crafted by some partnering agencies to address their specific group of stakeholders.

When: Thursday, September 24

MEDIA PARTNERS: Attached, you will find a graphic suitable for social media. Below, you will find a link to a video that further focuses our message. Please feel free to use this messaging on your social platforms and/or in your local news reporting. (If you have issues downloading the video, please let us know.)

Video: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NbaJI4G9AINLewNUvNx9EtsLcoE3OJkb/view?</u> <u>usp=sharing</u>

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