**Social Media Examples during COVID-19**

**Facebook**

* Since Gov. Walz issued an Executive Order on March 17 requiring restaurants and bars in Minnesota to close on-site sales, the Minnesota State Patrol has seen a significant reduction in traffic on our roads, which has led to a reduced number of DWIs and crashes.

**March 17 through March 26**

**2019                                     2020**

DWI: 204                                88

Crashes: 762                         389

However, officers, troopers and deputies have received increased reports of aggressive driving and significant speeding violations, some more than 100 mph.

COVID-19 is not a license to speed, drive impaired, or make other poor decisions behind the wheel.

Please pay attention. Buckle up. Obey the speed limit and never drive impaired.

* A reduction in traffic on our roads is not an excuse to speed.

Speeding is a leading cause of traffic crashes on Minnesota roads, contributing to an average of 92 traffic fatalities each year.

* Most of us make good decisions when planning for an evening out that includes alcohol.

As we are confined to our homes, we must not forget to continue to line up a sober ride.

Even if you are just running up the street to get essentials at the grocery store, impaired driving is dangerous driving. Line up a sober ride!

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**Twitter**

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#DriveSmartMN by going the speed limit.

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