



LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY, MN  
Emergency Operations Center  
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Madison, MN 56256

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## Press Release

### County Response to Governor's Shelter in Place Order

MADISON, MN – In response to Governor Walz's Emergency Executive Order 20-20 directing Minnesotans to stay at home, Lac qui Parle County has decided to follow guidance set forth on Wednesday and send non-essential staff home to work as they are able. This will go into effect on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm and last through April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, in line with the statewide Stay at Home order.

Departments and staff are still expected to work and continue the functions of their office to the extent that they are able, but in a remote setting. This aligns with new strict social distancing principals helping manage the spread of COVID-19 and keep employees of the county and citizens as safe as possible. Essential services and associated staff will remain to provide high priority services like the law enforcement, payroll and billing, family service functions, emergency management, and IT assistance along with other select employees.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is partially activated (Level-2) and is helping to coordinate public information, resources, community assistance, and information flow between county, state, and federal agencies. This will remain open from 9am to 5pm through the duration of the Shelter in Place Order or until the situation changes and can be reached at 320-598-7055.

Additionally, a new Coronavirus-19 Information page is available for citizens on the county website ([lqpc.com/index.php/em/covid19/](http://lqpc.com/index.php/em/covid19/)) that will be updated regularly with county announcements, press releases, preparedness recommendations, along with local closure announcements and other helpful information. Please refer to Countryside Public Health for updates on COVID-19 progression and prevention guidance at [countrysidepublichealth.org](http://countrysidepublichealth.org) or the Minnesota Department of Health's COVID page at [health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/](http://health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/).

All county buildings, including the sheriff's office, remain closed to the public until further notice.

Thank You,

Todd Patzer, Lac qui Parle County Board Chair  
Blain Johnson, Lac qui Parle County EM Director

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