



LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY, MN  
Emergency Operations Center  
422 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 303  
Madison, MN 56256

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Press Release / Ad

### County Services Update during Stay-at-Home Order

MADISON, MN – On Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>, some county staff returned to working from their offices and facilities. Lac qui Parle County government services continue both at home and in person with limited customer service delivery to ensure safety of employees and to help reduce potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus. All county buildings are locked and closed, but services are continued to be provided as able. Please see the list below for specific department service schedules and related questions. Mail and packages can be dropped off at the courthouse on the lower east side entrance which is checked multiple times per day. The public is urged to visit the county website at [lqpc.com](http://lqpc.com) and click on 'County Departments' to see a full list of services currently being provided.

**Assessor's Office:** 320-598-3187

Please call or email [assessor@lqpc.com](mailto:assessor@lqpc.com) for questions and requests.

**Auditor-Treasurer-Coordinator Office:** 320-598-3648 for Property Taxes; 320-598-7444 for License Center and other functions;

Beginning 4/13/20, the License Center has resumed limited services for motor vehicle and DNR licensing. Please visit [lqpc.com](http://lqpc.com) and click on 'County Departments' to find the service inventory and more details for the ATC Office. The public can also call the number above or email [auditor-treasurer@lqpc.com](mailto:auditor-treasurer@lqpc.com).

**Emergency Management:** 320-598-7171

The Emergency Operations Center is open daily from 9am to 6pm for general and COVID-19 related questions and can be reached at 320-598-7055 or by email at [lqpeoc@lqpc.com](mailto:lqpeoc@lqpc.com).

**Environmental Office:** 320-598-3132

Please call or email [jennifer.breberg@lqpc.com](mailto:jennifer.breberg@lqpc.com) for questions and requests.

**Family Services:** 320-598-7594

Please call or email [familyservices@co.lac-qui-parle.mn.us](mailto:familyservices@co.lac-qui-parle.mn.us) for questions and requests. Drop box is available at the front door. Please see county website ([lqpc.com](http://lqpc.com)) for program information.

**Highway Department:** 320-598-7252

If you need assistance or to report a problem, please call the county highway engineer Sam Muntean at the number listed above, or County Maintenance Supervisor Mike Cleveland at 320-894-2483.



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**Recorder: 320-598-3724**

Please visit [lqpc.com](http://lqpc.com) and click on 'County Departments' find the service inventory for the Recorder's Office. The public can also call the number above or email [recorder@lqpc.com](mailto:recorder@lqpc.com).

**Sheriff's Office: 320-598-3720**

The Lac qui Parle Sheriff's Office is closed and locked, and is urging residents to consider delaying non-essential and / or non-time sensitive visits to the Law Enforcement Center. To make a complaint or to report criminal activity, the public is encouraged to call the LEC. As always, if you have an emergency, call 911. You may also email us at [lqpsso@lqpc.com](mailto:lqpsso@lqpc.com). The Lac qui Parle County Sheriff's Office has suspended, until further notice, these nonessential services at the time:

- Inmate Visiting; inmates can still call family at any time
- Civil fingerprinting for employment purposes, etc.
- Burn permits will only be issued by mail or email, please call 320-598-3720 to request one
- Non-threatening reports will be handled over the phone and will be responded to in person as needed
- Gun Permits – call first to schedule an appointment, will need a copy of course certificate and copy of your driver's license or Take It To The Box drop-off located in the west lobby of the Sheriff's Office
- Civil process service for non-emergency orders

**Veterans Service: 320-598-3445**

Please call or email [josh.beninga@lqpc.com](mailto:josh.beninga@lqpc.com) for questions and requests.

**Watershed Office: 320-598-3117**

Please call and leave a number with a detailed message and we will return your call as soon as possible. You can also visit our website at [lqpybwatershed.org](http://lqpybwatershed.org) or email [trudy.hastad@lqpc.com](mailto:trudy.hastad@lqpc.com).

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is 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 6pm through the duration of the Shelter in Place Order or until the situation changes.

Additionally, a 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 is 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/).



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