



LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY, MN
Emergency Operations Center
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Press Release

County Facilities to Re-Open to Public on Monday 5-18

MADISON, MN – Lac qui Parle County has announced that the courthouse and Family Service buildings will reopen to the public on Monday, May 18th and run normal hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This decision coincides with the expiration of Governor Walz’s Stay at Home Executive Order (20-48) as well as the expiration of the local declaration of emergency for the county. It is highly encouraged that the public continue to utilize virtual and online services wherever possible to continue to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission. In addition, the public is urged make an appointment with appropriate departments before arriving at the facility. Standing appointments will be prioritized over walk-in services and will help expedite service delivery by staff; as well as preparing employees to make any additional safety precautions.

Drop boxes will continue to be available for the public and will be checked routinely by staff throughout the day. Please keep in mind that some county staff continue to work from home and are providing services from there. Driver’s license and vehicle registration services will resume, with safety precautions. Please know that these additional precautions may result in a delay. Individuals are encouraged to continue to conduct business by phone or email if possible.

To limit building traffic and to help maintain social distancing, each facility will limit entry to one-door only: the lower east entrance on the main courthouse building, and west entrance on the family services building. The sheriff’s office will continue to remain closed to the public for face-to-face transactions, but the public may call 320-598-3720 for assistance. The county annex building will continue to remain locked.

Members of the public are being asked to respect social distancing and not to enter the building if they are feeling unwell or have recently been sick. Wearing masks will not be required when visiting the buildings with limited masks being available for visitors, so please plan ahead to bring your own mask if you feel the need. We ask that you follow both MDH and CDC guidance when protecting yourself from spreading COVID-19.

The County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will remain partially activated (Level-2) and will continue to coordinate public information, resources, community assistance, and information flow between county, state, and federal agencies; as well as a maintained space for emergency meetings and official county business. The Board of commissioners will begin meeting in the EOC on Tuesday 5/19 and for the foreseeable future.

The public is encouraged to visit the county's website for the most up to date departmental contact and service information along with updated COVID-19 information at www.lqpc.com. County staff and commissioners appreciate the public's cooperation and would like to thank everyone for being respectful during this challenging time.

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