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## Press Release

### Lac qui Parle County Lowers EOC Activation Level

Due to slower COVID-19 progression throughout the county, lower than expected hospitalization and death rates, and increased preparedness and response capacities at the local level; the Lac qui Parle County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has reduced operations from Partial Activation (Level 2) to Enhanced Monitoring / Stand By (Level 3)

An activation of 'Level 3' means a situation or threat exists that requires enhanced monitoring and coordination between agencies and jurisdictions during normal business hours.

The EOC will remain an active response center and set up for quick activation in the event of a local outbreak, but will not have regular hours of operation, with more services being done remotely using virtual platforms. County Emergency Management Director Blain Johnson and Deputy Director Lyndon Worden will continue to maintain situational awareness, receive, and disperse necessary resources to local partners, release public information via social media, press releases, and county website, as well as monitoring expenses and tracking response capabilities county-wide. In addition, the department will begin to focus on recovery efforts with members of private, industrial, government, and business community to help promote community spirit and restore local activities and commerce.

The EOC will remain at Level-3 until the pandemic situation either worsens, warranting another increase, or the threat subsides, reconstituting the Normal 'Level 4' designation. The EOC has been at a Level 2 activation for a record 74 days, since March 16<sup>th</sup>, in response to significant COVID-19 developments across Minnesota and the United States.

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*See reference graphic on next page for additional information.*

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# Lac qui Parle County

## CURRENT EOC ACTIVATION LEVEL



### **NORMAL - 4**

*Routine Monitoring of Situation  
No Event or Incident Anticipated*



### **ENHANCED / STAND BY- 3**

*A situation or threat has developed that requires enhanced monitoring and coordination between jurisdictions and agencies*



### **PARTIAL - 2**

*A situation or threat has developed that requires substantial coordination and preparedness/response efforts extending beyond the normal workday and requires 24/7 monitoring*



### **FULL - 1**

*Incident of such magnitude that it requires extensive response and recovery efforts and significant resources  
24/7 Coordination, Monitoring, and Support*

