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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Anoka County Closing All Public-Facing Services at Noon Today**

Effective at noon today, Anoka County will be closing all its public-facing services, including our Human Services Centers, License and Passport Centers, Libraries, and Parks buildings, until March 30 in response to the increase in coronavirus cases nationwide.

This decision was made after much thought and input from county staff and elected officials. Anoka county realizes this action will cause a disruption in day-to-day life for many people; the health and safety of county residents was the driving factor behind this decision.

Later this afternoon, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners will ratify the state of emergency declared yesterday by Anoka County Board of Commissioners Chair Scott Schulte. This action will allow county leaders the authority to make decisions to protect the health and safety of all county residents and employees.

Even though face-to-face visits have been eliminated for at least the next 13 days, county employees will still be available to help the public via email, phone and virtual visits. Anoka County is currently working on developing additional ways to deliver services to residents that do not require person-to-person contact during this challenging time.

Check the county website, [anokacounty.us](http://anokacounty.us), for updates and for county department contact information.

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