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Fillmore County Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

Fillmore County is prepared and continually adjusting to the effects of COVID-19. That being said we are following all recommended preventative measures that have been provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Our Department Heads are redefining and modifying their procedures to keep their offices open, but at the same time protecting the public and our employees from potential exposure.

Fillmore County Board of Commissioners Chair Marc Prestby has declared a health emergency due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic; that will be ratified by the full board on Tuesday, March 24th, there will be additional policies and procedures discussed at the full board meeting. The emergency declaration allows County government to proceed with emergency measures needed to contain and control the spread of COVID-19.

As of Friday, March 20th, 2020, per the emergency declaration, Fillmore County will continue to provide services to our residents, but it is prudent to limit public access to our facilities at this time.

Fillmore County Jail will: Call (507) 765-3874 for Jail or Sheriff

- suspend all programming services for inmates
- suspend activities for work crews (Sentence to Serve)
- suspend jail and dispatch tours
- will not provide public fingerprinting for an indefinite period
- inmate visitation may be limited to allow social distancing.
- front lobby will remain open for business

Fillmore County Third Judicial Court: Call (507) 765-3356

The Fillmore County Third Judicial Court is following State guidance on Court scheduling and encourages parties to call before they come to court or if they need any clarification on scheduling. Super High and High priority cases will continue to be heard. Persons necessary to conduct a litigant's hearing, and other persons with prior approval of the court, may attend these court proceedings, but social distancing practices will be implemented. Where appropriate phone and ITV resources will be used. Please refer to www.mncourts.gov for more information.

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Fillmore County Resource and Recycling Center: (507) 765-4704

The Fillmore County Resource and Recycling Center will remain open according to the regular schedule with the following changes in operations:

- we ask customers to avoid unnecessary trips at this time if possible
- employees will be instructed not to assist customers with unloading and customers will be asked to stay outside of the office to avoid person to person contact
- payment will be dropped in a provided box and checks are encouraged
- customers will not be required to sign receipts, unless it is a credit card transaction

The Fillmore County Courthouse, Highway Department and County Office Building will be closed to walk-in public access, though all county offices will remain open for business:

- residents may continue to access face-to-face service by appointments only for any specific department, see contact numbers below
- the Courthouse, all efforts will be made to provide services via phone, email, or mail and encourage the use of the drop box in the lobby of the Courthouse East Entrance for applications and tax payments
- the Fillmore County Office Building has a drop box available outside of the Main Entrance and all documents for Public Health, Social Services or Veteran's Services may be placed in this drop box

Administrator	(507) 765-4566	Assessor	(507) 765-3868
Attorney	(507) 765-2530	Auditor/Treasurer	(507) 765-3811
Community Services	(507) 765-2175	Corrections	(507) 765-3667
Highway/Surveyor	(507) 765-3854	Recorder	(507) 765-3852
Zoning/Feedlot	(507) 765-3325		

Fillmore County Public Meetings:

The March 24th Board of Commissioners meeting remains scheduled. We will have available a conference call number that will be posted on the website prior to the meeting and this will allow the public to listen via phone if they choose. Public attendance may be limited by social distancing requirements. All other public meetings have been cancelled until April 7th.

Fillmore County will have these temporary measures in place until April 7th, residents and staff are encouraged to check our website for updates regarding COVID-19 and to search for any available online documents or access to programs. www.co.fillmore.mn.us

Sincerely,

Bobbie Vickerman
Fillmore County Administrator

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