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LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY

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PRESS RELEASE

Effective Monday, March 23, 2020

All County Buildings and Facilities Closed to Public

Effective Monday, March 23, 2020 all Lake of the Woods County buildings and facilities will be temporarily closed to the public until further notice, except for the Graceton Landfill, which will have controlled, limited access for household garbage only. The decision was made by the Lake of the Woods County Board of Commissioners, in a special meeting at the County Government Center on Friday morning to discuss the appropriate prevention and protection measures in response to the expanding COVID-19 pandemic. This was done in consultation with Emergency Management Director Jill Hasbargen Olson.

In taking these measures, Lake of the Woods County remains in line with guidance for social distancing strategies recommended by both the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) in addition to the Governor of Minnesota and the Commissioner of Health. This action will also help protect staff and the general public from being exposed to potentially sick individuals and spreading the virus to our friends and families.

While the buildings will be closed to the public, county services and operations will continue to be provided to the community, through phone and email. Many services can also be done online if necessary and citizens are encouraged to explore those options.

A listing of department contacts can be found on the county webpage www.co.lake-of-the-woods.mn.us/ or the Lake of the Woods County Emergency Management Facebook page.

Please refer to Minnesota Department of Health at www.health.state.mn.us/ and the Center of Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/COVID19 for updates on COVID-19 progression and prevention guidance.

Thank You,
Jon Waibel, Lake of the Woods County Board Chair
Jill Hasbargen Olson, Lake of the Woods County Emergency Management Director