



**LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY, MN**  
**Emergency Operations Center**  
422 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 303  
Madison, MN 56256

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## **Press Release**

### **All County Buildings and Facilities Closed to Public**

MADISON, MN – All Lac qui Parle County buildings and facilities are closed to the public effective immediately and until further notice. The decision was made by the Lac qui Parle County Board of Commissioners who held an emergency meeting in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Sunday afternoon to discuss appropriate prevention and protection measures in response to the expanding COVID-19 pandemic. This was done in consultation with Emergency Management Director Blain Johnson and Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Gloria Tobias.

In taking these measures, Lac qui Parle 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, normal county services and operations will continue to be provided to the community on the same schedule, through both 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.lqpc.com](http://www.lqpc.com)) or by calling the Emergency Management Department at 320-598-7171.

Emergency Management has created a new Coronavirus-19 Information page on the county website ([lqpc.com/index.php/em/covid19/](http://lqpc.com/index.php/em/covid19/)) that will be updated regularly with county announcements, press releases, preparedness recommendations, along with local closure announcements and other helpful information. Please refer to Countryside Public Health for updates on COVID-19 progression and prevention guidance at [countrysidepublichealth.org](http://countrysidepublichealth.org).

Thank You,

Todd Patzer, Lac qui Parle County Board Chair  
Blain Johnson, Lac qui Parle County Emergency Management Director

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