

## ROSEAU COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

*On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic and while cases continue to climb in Minnesota, no cases have been identified in Roseau County at this time. However, the County is following the recommendations of Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the U.S. CDC officials in guiding us on important decisions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Minnesota.*

Governor Tim Walz has declared a State of Emergency in Minnesota along with a number of executive orders aimed at reducing the spread of this disease including but not limited to the closing of our schools, bars and restaurants. In addition, MDH has issued further recommendations to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Individuals can obtain more information on these recommendations at [www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us), who take their recommendations from the CDC, [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

In order to do our part in the containment and mitigation of the spread of COVID-19, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners declared a State of Emergency on March 19, 2020, (posted on the County website – <http://www.co.roseau.mn.us>).

Roseau County will do everything in our power to keep all County services operating throughout this outbreak. However, the County will be taking the following actions to limit public interaction with our Staff as directed by State and Federal Agencies:

- **The Courthouse, Social Services, Law Enforcement and Highway Department facilities will be closed to the public on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 pm; but all County services will continue.**
- Access to Court operations will be as described in an Administrative Order issue by Chief Judge Tamara Yon.
- The Transfer Station/Demolition Landfill is to remain open as scheduled; however, public access to the office & shop areas will be prohibited.
- The Roseau County Board will be meeting in Regular Session every Tuesday morning, 8:30 a.m., in the Courthouse Board Room; however, in order to meet the social distancing guidelines, no public access will be allowed. Therefore, the public may participate in these meetings electronically, (please view the Roseau County website for more information on this topic).

The County will continue to work closely with Federal, State and local agencies, school districts, business communities, and health care providers. *As shown in the past you, the residents of Roseau County have come together to help one another through past disasters and we are counting on your cooperation and resiliency to tackle this one. Further, we must also be mindful of those in our community that are vulnerable and do our part to help ensure their safety and provide for their needs. Personal and community safety is our utmost priority and we thank you for doing your part during this crisis.*

**STAY INFORMED, STAY SAFE & DON'T PANIC!**