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Press Release For Immediate Release

Wadena County Limiting Public Access to All County Buildings

March 19, 2020 – Wadena County, MN – Under the authority of the Emergency Declaration issued by the Wadena County Board of Commissioners on March 17, 2020 and through consultation with Wadena County Public Health and Emergency Management, Wadena County will be limiting access to all public buildings effective at 1:00 PM, March 19, 2020 and until further notice. Exterior doors will be locked at all county facilities. Solid Waste will continue essential operations. The courthouse will be open only for persons that have essential business with the court. Anyone visiting the courthouse must identify the purpose of their visit and will go through a screening process.

While the buildings will be closed to the public, services and operation hours will continue to be provided to the citizens through phone, email and by appointment if deemed necessary by the department. Wadena County offers many on-line services. Citizens are encouraged to explore these options and utilize them whenever possible. Citizens should call prior to visiting any county facility to ensure department/staff availability. A listing of department/agency contacts is available online and will be posted at each door.

In implementing these measures, Wadena County will be following guidelines presented by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Executive Order of Governor Walz and recommendations of President Trump on social distancing. Providing for the well-being and limiting exposure to our employees and the general public is of the utmost importance to the Wadena County Board of Commissioners.

Due to the fluidity of information regarding COVID-19 it is anticipated that further updates will be provided. The Wadena County website (<https://www.co.wadena.mn.us>) will be updated and can be

utilized by the public for new announcements, press releases, preparedness recommendations, along with local closure information.