

Press Release

All County Buildings and Facilities Closed to Public

ADA, MN – All Norman County buildings and facilities are closed to the public effective immediately (Thursday, March 19, 2020) and until further notice. The decision was made by the Norman County Board of Commissioners who held a meeting in the Norman County Board Room on Thursday morning, March 19th, 2020 to discuss appropriate prevention and protection measures in response to the expanding COVID – 19 pandemic. This was done in consultation with Emergency Management Director, Garry Johanson, and Public Health Director, Sarah Kjono.

In taking these measures, Norman 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.co.norman.mn.us/departments) or by calling the Emergency Management Department at 218-784-5493.

Due to the fluidity of information regarding COVID-19, it is anticipated that further updates will be provided. The Norman-Mahnomen Public Health website (www.co.norman.mn.us/Covid19) and social media pages will be updated and can be utilized by citizens for new announcements, press releases, preparedness recommendations, along with local closure information.

If you need access to Court Administration, you can press the buzzer on the South entrance of the Courthouse and Sheriff's Office staff can direct you to Court Administration.

The Norman County Board of Commissioners will be constantly evaluating the situation in an attempt to make the disruption of access as short as possible during these challenging times.

Thank You.

LeeAnn Hall, Norman County Board Chair

Garry Johanson, Norman County Emergency Management Director

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