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### **Goodhue County Facilities and Service Update**

*The County Continues to Provide Essential and Emergency Services During the State of Emergency;  
Residents Urged to Follow the Governor's Stay at Home Order*

The health and safety of all Goodhue County residents and employees continues to be the top priority for Goodhue County. County residents are urged to take the COVID-19 pandemic seriously and follow Governor's Orders including the Stay at Home Order <https://mn.gov/governor/covid-19/>.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 4:30pm, Goodhue County modified how it delivers services to the public including not allowing public entry to county buildings until further notice.

Goodhue County remains open to serve the public and is doing this through telephone, fax, e-mail, online tools, and through our website: [www.co.goodhue.mn.us](http://www.co.goodhue.mn.us)

Facilities closed to the public include:

- Goodhue County Government Center, Health & Human Services Building, Law Enforcement Center, Public Works Buildings, Recycling Center, and Goodhue County portions of the Justice Center.
- This suspension does NOT include Goodhue County District Court areas of the Justice Center. Please visit <http://www.mncourts.gov/> for more information.
- Goodhue County has drop boxes for critical documents at the Health & Human Services Building, Law Enforcement Center, Public Works and the Government Center.

During this time, passports are not processed until we reopen. Front desk and walk-up services are suspended and county employees are working with clients to reschedule in-person appointments. County employees have continued to work, combining teleworking with staggered work schedules, responding and serving residents via phone, online tools or email.

For general and emergency passport information:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/passports/passport-covid-19.html>

For more information on driver's license:

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/locations/Pages/find-office-locations.aspx>

Parks, trails and self-service recycling boxes remain open.

### **GOODHUE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Due to concerns surrounding the spread of COVID-19, it has been determined that in-person meetings or meetings conducted under Minn. Stat. 13D.02 are not practical or prudent. Therefore, meetings that are governed by the Open Meeting Law will temporarily be conducted by telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.021. All County Commissioners attending will appear by telephone or other electronic means. The public may monitor the meeting from a remote site by logging into <https://global.gotomeeting.com> or calling the toll free number ten minutes prior to the meetings with an access code. Public hearings will be conducted in a similar manner. All meeting information and access codes will be posted on the agendas prior to the meetings.

County employees continue to work daily to develop and implement the local response plan for COVID-19. We will continue to work hard to promote mitigation strategies, deliver essential and emergency services, and deploy resources where they are needed most. Counties provide critical services to residents, and we will continue to do so in different ways. We are asking for your patience and understanding.

Statewide COVID-19 Hotlines have been created and are open from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

- For health questions call 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903.
- For schools and childcare questions call 651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504.
- For housing questions call 651-296-8215 for single-family residences questions and 651-297-4455 for multi-family residences questions.

On Monday, March 30, the County opened a local Goodhue County Health and Human Services (GCHHS) COVID-19 Hotline. This hotline is for residents or the general public looking for information regarding COVID-19. The hotline will be staffed Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and can be accessed by calling 651-385-2000.

For more information on COVID-19, the County has a COVID-19 webpage, <https://www.co.goodhue.mn.us/1356/COVID-19-Information-and-Resources>. Residents are also encouraged to go to the Goodhue County Health and Human Services Facebook page [www.facebook.com/gchhs](http://www.facebook.com/gchhs) and the Goodhue County Website [www.co.goodhue.mn.us](http://www.co.goodhue.mn.us) for local information. Residents can also find more information on COVID-19 at [www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us).

Residents can also find human services related program changes due to the COVID-19 at [www.mn.gov/dhs/covid-19/](http://www.mn.gov/dhs/covid-19/). For mental health related crisis, please contact SE Minnesota Mobile Crisis Line: 1-844-274-7472 and visit their webpage at <https://crisis2southeastmn.com/>.

The County Board will acknowledge the State of Emergency Declaration at their next County Board meeting.

For more information on Goodhue County, please visit [www.co.goodhue.mn.us](http://www.co.goodhue.mn.us)

Health and Human Services	651-385-3200
Law Enforcement Center	651-267-2600
Public Works	651-385-3025
Government Center	651-385-3000
Justice Center	651-267-4800