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Washington County extends suspension of public-facing services in response to COVID-19

Washington County will continue the suspension of all public-facing services at its libraries, service centers, and license centers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, through April 7.

The County Board took its first action March 18 to protect county residents and employees during the COVID-19 pandemic, and is similar to action taken by most metropolitan counties. The Washington County Board of Commissioners declared a local emergency March 17, and directed staff to suspend the county's public-facing services.

The board extended the suspension through April 7.

The suspension includes the county's eight library branches, the Government Center, the county's license centers in Forest Lake and Stillwater, and the service centers in Cottage Grove, Forest Lake, and Woodbury, including the CareerForce centers, and the service counter at the North Shop. County parks will be available for use of their trails and other open spaces, but county parks buildings will be closed. There will be no charge to enter county parks through April 7.

County government services will continue to function, while adapting to working within the parameters set by the COVID-19 pandemic. Public safety agencies will continue to provide service to the community, as will the county's Department of Public Health & Environment, which is continuing to monitor the novel coronavirus outbreak, and provide services to the community.

The County Board also granted the county administrator the authority to resume public-facing services if doing so follows recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Washington County Department of Public Health & Environment, and is consistent with the executive orders of the governor of Minnesota.

For additional information, see the county website at www.co.washington.mn.us.

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