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## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

As of March 15, 2020, Todd County has no known cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has released additional guidance on strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Minnesota. The following is intended to provide general guidance for mitigation strategies. Organizers or settings may need to take into consideration unique risks and make decisions that are protective of their communities or agencies.

MDH recommends postponing and canceling:

- Large events where 250 people or more would gather, including but not limited to:
  - Concerts, conferences, professional, college, and school performances or sporting events.
- Smaller events (fewer than 250 people) that are held in crowded auditoriums, rooms, or other venues that do not allow social distancing of 6 feet per person.
- Events with more than 10 people where the majority of participants are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, including gatherings such as those at:
  - Retirement facilities, assisted living facilities, developmental homes, and support groups.

We appreciate the continued cooperation and support of Todd County community leaders, and the community as a whole, in following the recommended strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19. We know these mitigation strategies do not come without sacrifice on many levels and appreciate your willingness to do your part in slowing the spread of COVID-19. We have been pleased to see several local organizations who have already taken steps to follow these recommendations.

Please continue to protect yourself, family and others from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses, like the coronavirus, practice everyday preventative behaviors including:

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Stay home when sick. Call your healthcare provider before going to see them.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.

For more information on community mitigation strategies and underlying medical conditions that may increase the risk of serious COVID-19 for individuals of any age, visit: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/action.pdf>

Todd County has set up a website with information for the public at: <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/>. As this is a rapidly changing situation please continue to check back to this website for updates.

The Minnesota Department of Health has a hotline to answer your questions about COVID-19 at 651-201-3920.