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COVID-19 Update

As of March 26, 2020, Todd County has no lab confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). Although due to a shortage of COVID-19 testing materials, local transmission of the virus may be currently occurring in Todd County. On March 25, 2020, Governor Walz has issued a Stay at Home order which directs Minnesotans to limit movements outside of their homes beyond essential needs. By limiting social interactions, we decrease the chance of transmission of COVID-19 and help our health care sector prepare for increased demands. The Stay at Home order is effective from March 27 at 11:59pm to April 10 at 5:00pm. Additionally, the closure of bars, restaurants, and other public accommodations is extended until May 1, 2020 at 5:00pm.

Minnesotans may leave their homes to pick up essential items such as groceries or food, prescriptions, and gas, to relocate for safety reasons, or go to work if their job is deemed essential in a sector. If you leave your home, practice social distancing measures and keep at least six feet between you and those around you. Everyone is encouraged to stay active outside during this time, provided they practice safe social distancing.

Workers who provide critical services are exempt from this Stay at Home order. If you have questions regarding which businesses provide critical services, visit the Department of Employment & Economic Development website at <https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/covid/business-exemptions/> or call 651-259-7114 or 800-657-3858.

Please continue to protect yourself, family and others from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses, like the coronavirus, by practicing every day 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.

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 set up the following hotlines to answer questions:

Community mitigation (schools, child care, business) questions:

651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Health questions:

651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903

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