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Stay at Home Order Clarifications

As of March 27, 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 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.

Regarding the Stay at Home order, we would like to reassure the public and clarify some misconceptions:

- This order is NOT a travel ban, a hard lock down, or a firm Shelter in Place order.
- A curfew has not been enacted. You are still free to travel for essential purposes as needed and as described in the Stay at Home order.
- Travel permits are NOT required.
- While some employers have issued letters to their employees to carry in regards to their essential worker status in case of such a travel restriction, letters are NOT currently required for essential workers. Should those requirements change information will be relayed in a timely manner to all residents.

If you have additional questions regarding the Stay at Home order, there is information on Todd County's website, <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/>, or the information may be found on the MN Governor's page at www.mn.gov/governor/covid-19/

Residents 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.

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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