



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Monday March 23, 2020

**Iron County to Close Nonessential Functions/Services at County Buildings**

The Iron County Board Chair and Administrative Team have announced that all nonessential functions at Iron County buildings will be closed to the general public in an effort to reduce the rate of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) transmission and to protect citizens and employees of Iron County.

Effective **4:00pm on Monday, March 23, 2020** all facilities will be closed to the general public. Anyone needing to do business at Iron County Buildings should call ahead and be prepared to make alternative arrangements instead of meeting in person. A list to department contact information is included at the bottom of this release. All entrances to the buildings will be locked. Customers with prearranged appointments will be instructed on how to enter the building.

**Functions remaining open at this time include:**

- The **Iron County Circuit Courts** are open for essential functions, including restraining orders, but some court dates are being rescheduled or are being held via telephone or videoconferencing. Filings will continue to be processed in all cases via the Wisconsin Courts E-filing System and by mail. Filings can also be made via fax at (715) 561-4054, if no fee is required. In-person filings can be made but individuals should contact the Court at 715-561-4084 prior to appearing at the Courthouse.
- **Human Services Department** - All employees will be telecommuting as much as possible. Please schedule all appointments in advance, if possible. An effort will be made to have as much contact as possible be via the phone or videoconferencing. Please contact the office at 715-561-3636 for further information. Please follow us on Facebook for updated information at "Iron County Human Services" and "Aging and Disability Resource Center of the North – Iron County."
- **Iron County Sheriff's Office** – contact at 715-561-3800
- **Iron County Public Health**- All employees will be telecommuting as much as possible. Please schedule all appointments in advance, if possible. An effort will be made to have as much contact as possible be via the phone or videoconferencing. Please contact the office at 715-561-2191 for further information. Please follow us on Facebook for updated information at "Iron County Public Health"

It is important to note that the coronavirus outbreak and public response is extremely fluid and subject to change. The Iron County Board Chair and Iron County Administrative team are continuously assessing the situation in collaboration with Iron County Public Health Department. Iron County

continues to follow guidance from local public health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the CDC.

While we understand that these changes being implemented throughout the county are disruptive, they are essential to mitigate the impact of coronavirus and protect health of the public and our employees.

We are all in this together and we urge every individual to do their part in slowing the spread of the virus. Socially distance yourself from others, avoid groups of more than 10, wash your hands frequently, and stay home if possible.