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## MENOMINEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MARCH 17, 2020

On March 17, 2020, the Menominee County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting to discuss strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The situation involving COVID-19 is serious and continues to evolve in a rapid manner. Menominee County is committed to assisting federal, state, and local efforts in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Therefore, the Menominee County Board of Commissioners have issued the following temporary orders and closures:

- Effective March 17, 2020 at 4:30 PM, Menominee County will be limiting public access to the county courthouse in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Individuals with essential business to conduct with any county department in the courthouse should call to make an appointment. Individual will be screened at the door, and those who are ill or have a fever in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit will be strictly prohibited from entering the building. This order will remain in effect until April 5, 2020 at 11:59 PM unless otherwise directed.
- The Menominee County Library System (Stephenson, Hermansville, & Bookmobile) will be closed to the public until March 30, 2020 as ordered by Governor Whitmer by Executive Order 2020-09.
- The Menominee County Annex will be closed for all meetings, trainings, conferences, or similar gatherings. The Menominee County Annex will otherwise remain open for normal operations.
- The Menominee Regional Airport will remain open for normal operations.
- The Menominee County Jail has restricted visitor access, you should contact 906-863-4441 before planning to visit the jail for any business.
- Individuals should contact any other department not listed herein before visiting as that department may also have limited public access or reduced services at this time.

- Menominee County is declaring a local state of emergency for the purpose of activating our virtual emergency operation center (EOC). The activation of the EOC will allow for better communication between government officials, health care officials, and emergency services as we continue to monitor the situation and receive additional federal and state directives.
- The Menominee County Board of Commissioners will meet as regularly scheduled on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 5:00 PM in Courtroom B at the Menominee County Courthouse. This meeting will be open to the public in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. However, Menominee County strongly encourages any individual that isn't feeling well to remain at home and in self-quarantine to avoid spreading COVID-19.
- Menominee County encourages the public to adhere to the following basic personal-hygiene measures to help prevent the spread of the virus:
  - o Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer;
  - o Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands;
  - o Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing;
  - o Avoid handshakes;
  - o Avoid contact with people who are sick;
  - o Stay home when you are sick
- Symptoms of COVID-19 to be aware of may include:
  - o Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
  - o Fever
  - o Cough

Additional information regarding COVID-19 can be found at [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/) or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Additional questions regarding the temporary orders and closures provided in this press release should first be directed to the department in which you have business. General questions may be directed to Jason Carviou, Menominee County Administrator at 906-863-9648 or by email to [JCarviou@menomineeco.com](mailto:JCarviou@menomineeco.com).

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