

## **CORONAVIRUS PLANS**

### **American Red Cross**

American Red Cross office on Losey Boulevard will be open for appointments only at this time. Trying to prevent unnecessary foot traffic in all of our buildings where possible for the health and safety of staff and the public. We will continue to respond to local disasters while also holding our training classes as scheduled where needed till further notice. Tough the size of our classes when held will be reduced six students or less due to CDC social distancing guidelines. We will also be conducting our blood drives as scheduled at our fixed site on Highway 16 but our Mobile Drives held elsewhere will depend on that location's COVID-19 prevention building guidelines. Donors are being asked to call before making an appointment and leaving their homes to donate blood in case of any schedule changes.

### **Aptiv**

Aptiv is remaining open but not allowing visitors and the front door is closed. The entrance is only in the back. No Rep Payee services or youth gatherings, only 1:1's. They have very few day service participants coming in and have put many employees on furlough.

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Big Brothers Big Sisters has suspended all matches from meeting in person, but encouraged virtual or other creative ways to keep in contact. Bowl for Kids' Sake has been postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

### **Boys & Girls Clubs La Crosse**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse facilities, alongside the School District of La Crosse & CDC recommendation, will be closed to ensure member, staff & volunteer safety starting March 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Club will continue to provide support & Club services to local kids through daily virtual programming (Cyber Club can be found at [www.bgclax.org](http://www.bgclax.org)), ensure kids receive evening meals Monday-Friday and 2 on Saturday in collaboration with The Weber Group, and daily mental health check ins or a listening ear with kids and trusted staff members via social media platforms, phone and email. Please visit [www.bgclax.org/our-team](http://www.bgclax.org/our-team) to find direct contact information for all team members.

### **Boys & Girls Club Sparta**

The club will be closed beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please check their website for updates. [www.bgcofsparta.org](http://www.bgcofsparta.org)

### **Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central WI**

Boys & Girls Clubs of West-Central Wisconsin – Tomah Site closed its doors for programming alongside the School District on Wednesday, March 18. Since that time, the Club has worked with

the school district and other community agencies to support efforts to ensure families and kids have access to meals and food during these closures. To support families and members throughout this difficult time, the Club introduced, “Club @ Home” Facebook activities. These “Club @ Home” activities are posted every weekday each hour between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Club will continue to communicate with its families via online surveys to keep a pulse on how they are doing and their evolving needs, as well as prepare to step in with its resources to support food access efforts.

## **Boy Scouts**

Camp Decorah is closed to on-site programming at this time. The Scouting staff is working remotely. A variety of programs are being made available online at [www.gatewayscouting.org/scoutingathome](http://www.gatewayscouting.org/scoutingathome) as a way to provide some continuity or programming. These resources are open to any youth in the community, not just Scouts. Program options are available for all ages between kindergarten and age 17.

## **Catholic Charities**

Will be going to phone intakes and appointments for all types of assistance. Asking clients to call either Toni 608-519-8014 or Nick 608-519-8041 and they will work with them over the phone to see how they can help them with their need. If they are looking for food or clothing, they will specifically what they need, get it ready for them to pick up at a scheduled time.

## **Catholic Charities Warming Center**

The Catholic Charities Warming Center has moved to the Diocese of La Crosse – Cathedral School located at 1319 Ferry Street. They are currently locked down to help manage the current health and well-being of those currently in the shelter but also decrease the risk that someone who is unsheltered and currently well becomes exposed. **NO ADDITIONAL CLIENTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO SHELTER.** *Anyone who chooses to leave either of those shelters will not be allowed to come back.*

## **Cia Siab, Inc.**

Will continue to do group support virtually. They have one staff in the office for walk-ins during 9:00-5:00 office hours. They will continue to provide support through telecommunications, google hangout and zoom.

## **Consumer Credit Counseling Service**

CCCS is still only conducting phone call appointments however we are now working remotely. This doesn't change any the of processes for scheduling an appointment as everything has been forwarded accordingly.

## **Coulee Recovery Center**

They will be closing their building beginning on Wednesday, meaning the Drop in Center, lunches and pantry. No meetings of any kind will take place until further notice. If people need help and

wish to speak to a recovery coach, they should contact the office and someone will get back to them.

## **Couleecap**

**Office Hours:** For the safety of all, we are limiting our face to face contact as much as possible and have opted to work remotely. All offices are currently closed to visitors until April 3rd. [Please call or email](#) if you are in need of our services. Couleecap staff stand ready to provide service and support. **Food Pantry Hours:** To help, Couleecap, Inc. is offering expanded food pantry hours in Sparta and Prairie du Chien to assist people struggling with food insecurity during the coronavirus emergency. Individuals and families impacted by unemployment or reduced hours, school or business closures, or other reasons for food scarcity are encouraged to visit a Couleecap food pantry. [More information can be found on our website.](#) To meet increased needs, Couleecap is also accepting donations of food and personal hygiene items. [A complete list of need items can be found on our website.](#) **Emergency Assistance:** Couleecap is also working to develop other emergency assistance programs to help people with their emerging needs. If you are looking for a way to help and would like to provide financial support of our efforts during this difficult time you can make a donation [here](#). As always your continued support is greatly appreciated. **Other Services:** All other Couleecap services, including assistance for those experiencing homelessness, weatherization, home rehabilitation, and more are still being offered. Please visit our [website](#) or call 866-904-4508 to see a list of programs and request assistance.

**3/27/20 – Assistance Available.** Couleecap is launching the COVID-19 Financial Assistance Program for low-to-moderate wage workers whose employment has been ended or reduced due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The program, which is funded by the Great Rivers United Way, La Crosse Community Foundation, Viroqua Area Foundation, and an Anonymous Donor, will provide limited financial assistance for critical expenses, emergency budgeting help, and referrals to programs available to people in need.

A simple, online application process will determine recent unemployment, income eligibility, and critical needs of the household so appropriate assistance can be determined. All participants will be provided referrals to the Wisconsin Unemployment Office, other government programs for which participants can apply, and local resources, such as food pantries. Program participants will also receive information on emergency and unemployment budgeting, including tips for reducing or eliminating expenses during a crisis.

“We are getting calls every day from people in our area asking for assistance because their jobs have been terminated or their hours have been cut. They don't know how they are going to pay their bills until unemployment benefits kick in,” says Ashley Lacenski, Community Development Director for Couleecap. “As a community action and financial counseling agency, we are able to help.”

“We truly appreciate the responsiveness of the donors who are making this program available,” says Hetti Brown, Executive Director of Couleecap. “When I reached out to them for help, they didn't hesitate.”

Residents seeking assistance can complete an application at [www.Couleecap.org](http://www.Couleecap.org). General household information, recent pay statements, and documentation of reduced or terminated employment will be required. For phone assistance, residents may contact Sara Berger at 608-632-6512 but given the volume

of calls Couleecap is receiving, online assistance will be faster. Funding is limited and, therefore, the highest needs will be determined through the application process.

Couleecap is seeking donations to maintain this program. People can donate to this effort at [www.Couleecap.org](http://www.Couleecap.org) or by mailing a donation to Couleecap, 201 Melby Street, Westby, WI 54667.

The agency is also seeking funding to launch programs in Monroe and Crawford Counties. Residents in those areas should check the Couleecap website for updates.

Other Couleecap resources are available to help people impacted by the current emergency. Agency food pantries in Sparta and Prairie du Chien have expanded hours, Monday-Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, with curbside pick up and limited home delivery. To find details, visit the Couleecap website. Other services may also be found on the site.

### **Families First of Monroe County**

Families First until further notice are not meeting with clients face to face but will have appointments over the phone and answer questions by email. Clients are encouraged to leave voice mails and calls will be returned as soon as possible. Staff will be in and out of the office so if items are needed, such as, goodwill vouchers, diapers, wipes, shampoo, so forth, then arrangements can be made for staff to meet with someone outside of the building to hand-off the items.

### **Family & Children's Center**

Family & Children's Center remains open and continues to provide services. We have closed our building to the public. Meetings w/ clients are being done via a video or use of phones w/ HIPAA compliant platforms. Staff continue to have the option of working remotely, most are. Reduced staffing hours and temporary lay- offs are occurring for the few programs with suspended programming.

### **Financial Resources to Help Get Through COVID-19**

The coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, is impacting households, communities, and businesses. A new national survey shows that 1 in 5 households in the US have already had their income cut or stopped altogether. The frequently asked questions below highlight some common financial challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The answer to each question has links to government websites and the types of assistance that might be available. We will be adding additional information as new policies and resources are put into place. <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/toughtimes/covid-19-financial-resources/>

Can I get unemployment benefits?

Am I eligible for any public health insurance or food assistance?

What if I can't make my tax payment?

What can my small business do when our sales have dropped or stopped?

What if I can't make my federal student loan payment?

What if I can't make my mortgage payment or my car loan?

Should I take money out of my retirement savings to pay for my living expenses now?

Are there other services that can help me keep up with bills?

Can a store raise the price on an item when it's in short supply?

Where can I find more information on the virus?

Additional resources related to COVID-19

### **First Free Church, Onalaska**

Will have their food pantry open. They have hand sanitizers and masks available when people check in. They handle the food that is being pulled.

### **Girl Scouts of Wisconsin-Badgerland**

Nothing stops Girl Scouts! We are open and supporting our members. Our staff is working remotely so the offices and shops are closed. Our team is live-answering calls, as always, Mondays-Fridays 9-5. Here's what's awesome: we have amazing, awesome virtual experiences for both Girl Scouts girls and the grown-ups to stay connected during this lock down. We are offering an exclusive Badgerland Girl Scouts Stay at Home patch program for ALL girls and families in the community. In addition, there are hands-on virtual activities including knot-tying and maze building and earning civics badges. The community is invited to be a Girl Scout at Home during this difficult time. Visit us [anytime](#). [See the Stay at Home patch challenge](#). Reach out to Girl Scouts – we are here to help: 800.236.210 | [info@gsbadgerland.org](mailto:info@gsbadgerland.org)

### **Goodwill**

Both locations of Goodwill will be closed until further notice.

## **Great Rivers United Way**

The United Way staff is working remotely as of 3/20/20. All employees can be reached by calling 796-1400.

## **Holmen Lutheran Church Food Pantry**

Will remain open Monday-Friday, 7:00-4:00. Sunday 7:30-11:30.

## **Homeless Referrals**

Couleecap: 608-782-4877

Independent Living Resources Homeless Outreach Referral: 608-787-1111

La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness: 608-519-8009

## **Hunger Task Force**

Will continue to be a food resource for their programs. The garden will open on 3/16/20 and they have spinach to harvest.

## **Independent Living Resources**

This plan is in effect 3/16/20-3/31/20 and will be evaluated after that. ILR offices are open and operating but the buildings are closed to the general public. All face to face contacts with consumers and community providers will be on hold until further notice. We will continue to provide services and supports as best we can by phone and email. Rave Recovery Avenue Drop In Center is closed and all Rave activities, including support groups, are cancelled until further notice. The Homeless Outreach team will continue providing services by phone, email, etc. If you are wanting to make a referral for someone who is homeless and they do not have a phone, please contact ILR and ask to speak to one of the Homeless Outreach staff so that the staff can help problem solve how to get connected with the consumer. **Update 3/25/20:** Independent Living Resources is going to continue our plan until further notice. (We were originally only going to go through March 31<sup>st</sup>). This is for both ILR and Rave. We are still providing services to the best of our ability, all staff are now working remotely.

## **La Crescent Area Healthy Community Partnership**

As of Monday, March 23rd our staff will only be providing essential services that are necessary for health and safety. This will include shopping for groceries, medical and personal care products, and other necessary items. We will also provide laundry or cleaning only in situations where it is necessary for personal safety. Transportation will be provided for necessary medical appointments only and we will strongly encourage all clients to stay home and avoid exposure to this very contagious illness. Our staff will be calling their assigned clients at least weekly to check-in and reassure them. We will also be available to take phone calls and get supplies for those in need but the main office in La Crescent will be closed to the public. We will also be happy to assist people get home delivered meals from our mobile meals providers if needed. **Neighbors Day:** Our community's health and safety is of the utmost importance to the Neighbor's Day committee. With global precautionary measures being taken to control the spread of COVID-19, we know there is a lot of uncertainty right now. **As a committee, we have made the difficult decision**

to **cancel Neighbors Day this year**. We hope you understand that our reasoning for this action is to keep our many volunteers, as well as the neighbors you serve, healthy and safe during this time of constant change. We greatly appreciate your willingness to serve the community through this event in the past, present, and future, and we trust that we can all find **SAFE** ways to serve our neighbor's needs during this difficult time. **La Crescent Food Shelf:** Their hours are Wednesday 2:00-5:00 p.m., the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 9:00 a.m. – noon. In order to limit contact between people, to protect our volunteers and clients, we are distributing pre-packed bags or boxes of food at the curb at this time. For any questions, please call us at (507) 895-1115, or email [LaCrescentFoodShelf@gmail.com](mailto:LaCrescentFoodShelf@gmail.com) We are now located at 436 South 6th St., La Crescent, MN.

### **La Crosse County WIC Office**

The La Crosse County WIC office will be moving all in-person appointments to appointments by phone effective immediately due to COVID-19. If you have an upcoming appointment at the WIC office or are due for WIC benefits soon, we will be in contact with you. **If your income has recently changed and you need to know if you qualify... for WIC services, please reach out to us by phone at 608-785-9865.** Lastly, we understand that some formulas are running low on some store shelves. We want to reassure families that formula is expected to continue to be available at local stores. However, please think of others when purchasing and consider buying only what you need. If you have additional concerns about this, please call us.

### **La Crosse MTU**

Note: The earliest a bus departs the Transit Center downtown is 5 40 am.

The bus will arrive and depart once every hour instead of two times an hour effective 3/23/20

MTU boarding instructions:

Enter rear of bus; depart rear of bus. Seat yourself in rear of bus.

Downtown La Crosse Transit Center:

First bus of the day: 5 40 am

Last bus of the day: 9 40 pm

### **Mobile Meals**

They have consulted with Mayo. They advise them to take standard precautions (hand sanitizing, hand washing). They are contacting all volunteers to tell them if they are feeling sick to call Mobile Meals and not deliver meals.

### **New Horizons**

The Victory Over Violence Gala on 3/20/20 has been postponed.

Here is an update on how we at New Horizons are proceeding with our services and programs as of 4pm today 3/18/2020: **La Crosse County Outreach Center** at 1223 Main St – is closed to the public. We have one resource advocate that will assist community clients by telephone only. Her work cell phone number is 608-386-1142. **DART (Domestic Abuse Reduction Team)** located at

City Hall – is closed to the public. We have one advocate that will assist community clients by telephone only. Her work cell phone number is 608-799-9342. **Trempealeau County Outreach Center in Whitehall** – is closed to the public. We have one resource advocate that will assist community clients by telephone only. Her work cell phone number is 608-386-6043.

**Shelter** – remains open and staffed. We are currently full but will place persons on a waiting list IF need is related to domestic abuse, sexual violence or human trafficking. **Crisis Lines** – remain open and staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Crisis Line numbers:** La Crosse County Area: 608-791-2600 (local) or toll free at 1-888-231-0066  
Trempealeau County Area: toll free at 1-800-706-8586

### **Onalaska-Holmen Food Basket**

The Food Basket, located by the American Legion in Onalaska, plans to continue serving clients in need from Onalaska, Holmen, French Island, West Salem, Galesville and Trempealeau during normal business hours. Clients will receive a pre-packed food package at the East entrance to the building. The food package will include fresh produce, dairy, meat, canned and packaged food items as well as personal care items. To help protect the health of volunteers and clients, building access will be limited to volunteers. For questions email the Food Basket Director at [foodbasketdirector@gmail.com](mailto:foodbasketdirector@gmail.com) or call 608-783-7722.

### **ORC**

ORC, an essential organization of the Federal government, remains open for pre-vocational services and work activities. Contact Jennifer Hoffman for questions 608.781.7727

### **RSVP**

We are working in the office this week and allowing our handcrafters to come in and get supplies that they may need. Starting Monday, March 23rd our office will close until March 31st when we will decide what the plan is moving forward. We will be working from home during the office closure so reaching me via email with any concerns, comments or questions is possible. Our volunteers were told to reach out to the sites that they volunteer at and find out if they are to volunteer or not but also they have the choice of not volunteering. Quite a few of the sites we collaborate with have already informed the volunteers to not come in.

### **Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers**

As a primary care clinic, they are open. Patient are screened at the door. Staff are screened to make our team is healthy and can provide care.

- Dental services are urgent/pain appointments each day.
- Medical continues with services, although routine care is being postponed.
- Important preventive care appointments continue, although we rescheduling these to the Norwalk facility. Massage services are postponed.
- Chiropractic care and limited acupuncture therapy continue. Behavioral health continues.
- As with other health care facilities, we do testing for people who meet the criteria for COVID-19 and, that will be done drive-up.



Call with questions (608)654-5100, extension 402. Leave a message if needed.

## Schools

- **Holmen School District – Suspension of Classes:** Will be closed beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>. Classes are anticipated to resume Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. On-line learning begins March 18<sup>th</sup>. **Meal Program:** Meal plans will be available to any student (age 18 and under) that lives within the district boundaries. An order form for bag lunches will be available online, with pick-up locations available
- **La Crescent School District – Suspension of Classes:** Final day of classes was March 17<sup>th</sup>. On-line learning will begin on March 31<sup>st</sup>. **Food Service:** Free meals are available for ***all*** children in our community! The only qualifying factor is to be 18 yrs of age or under. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity if you haven't already. And, ask that you tell your neighbors or anyone that you know that may be in need. You can sign up at any time by calling Brittney at 507-895-5051 or by completing the following survey: <https://bit.ly/ISD300requestmeals>

Pick up is scheduled for **Monday-Friday from 4:30-6:00** and the meals bag will contain breakfast and lunch meal for the following day.

The pickup locations are as follows:

- La Crescent Mayo Clinic lot
- Dresbach- By Bobcat
- La Crescent Pool Parking lot
- High School Parking lot
- Hokah City Hall 4:30-5:15 p.m, St. Pete's 5:15-6:00 p.m.
- Brownsville Community Center

Please contact Brittney at 507-895-5051 if these locations or times do not work for you. Look for the school bus at each location! (High School - use stack doors).

**\*\* There will be no pick up on 3/26, 3/27 & 3/30 due to Spring Break**

**Daycare:** Beginning March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM our daycare program will be available for those parents who are in the medical field or emergency services work. Once we have more information we will also look to provide transportation for those students to get to school. Until we get the transportation set up, you will be able to drop your child off at the school for care if you are a qualifying employee.

**More updates will be on the school website** [www.isd300.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd300.k12.mn.us)

- **La Crosse School District – Suspension of Classes:** Classes will be suspended indefinitely until further notice. **Meal Program:** The school district is providing free, nutritious meals for kids daily at sites around La Crosse. Starting March 19, all children 18 or younger may receive one take-home breakfast and one lunch will be provided in pre-packaged paper bags at each site, per day, Monday-Friday. No identification is required. Please bring

reusable bags. The meals will be distributed from a GO Riteway school bus stationed at each location. The district has set up a telephone hotline for those families who are unable to make it to or missed a stop time. Call 608-789-5880. They have a limited number of drivers who will be able to make a delivery stop. The hotline will be staffed from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Neighborhood Food Site Locations:**

Drive up locations available at Spence Elementary and Logan High Schools from 11:00 a.m.-Noon.

**Route 1**

Rivercrest trailer court 11:00am-11:30am

Mormon Coulee trailer court 11:45am-12:15pm

**Route 2**

Pineview trailer court entrance 11:00am-11:30am

Brookview mobile home park entrance 11:45am-12:00pm

Golden valley trailer court entrance 12:00pm-12:15pm

Hintgen Elementary School 12:30pm-1:00pm

**Route 3**

Bluffview Commons trailer court entrance 11:00am-11:30am

Pammel Creek estates entrance 11:45am-12:15pm

Former Kmart parking lot on State Road 12:30pm-1:00pm

**Route 4**

Shelby Ball Field parking lot 11:00am-11:30am

Central High School east entrance 11:45am-12:15pm

State Road Elementary School 12:30pm-1:00pm

**Route 5**

Gladys and Huber BGC 11:00am-11:30am

Goodwill at back of lot 11:45am-12:15pm

**Route 6**

Green Island Ice Arena 11:00am-11:30am

Hamilton Elementary School 11:45am-12:15pm

La Crosse Public Library Main Branch 12:30pm-1:00pm

**Route 7**

Longfellow Middle School in front 11:00am-11:30am

Hogan Administrative Center 11:45am-12:15pm

Lincoln Middle School 12:30pm-1:00pm

**Route 8**

Kwik Trip on French Island 11:00am-11:30am  
Summit Environmental School 11:45am-12:15pm  
French Island Public Library 12:30pm-1:00pm

**Route 9**

North Woods International School 11:00am-11:30am  
Emerson Elementary School 11:45am-12:00pm

**Route 10**

Northside Elementary/Coulee Montessori in the bus lane 11:00am-11:30am  
SSE Music 11:45am-12:15pm  
Schuh Homes 12:30pm-1:00pm

**More information on the school website** [www.lacrosseschools.org/coronavirus/](http://www.lacrosseschools.org/coronavirus/)

**Onalaska School District – Food Service:** The following changes will go into effect starting Monday, March 30, and will continue until further notice:

- Beginning on Monday, March 30, we will be changing our food distribution process. Instead of distribution at each of the elementary schools, we will centralize distribution at Onalaska Middle School on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and provide two days' worth of meals each day. Previously scheduled deliveries will also follow this new schedule.
- For those families that previously indicated driving to the distribution site presents a hardship, meal delivery will come.
- Drive-up meals will be available at the Onalaska Middle School Parking Lot off 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North from 10:00-11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and distributed from the School Nutrition garage doors in the parent drop off lane. There will be no meals service on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Two lunches and two breakfasts will be distributed for each child. Overall, this will provide lunch and breakfast for six days of the week.

In order to provide additional support for families during our scheduled spring break (April 9-13) distribution on Wednesday, April 8 will include two bags totaling 4 days of breakfast and lunch. Regularly scheduled Monday, Wednesday, Friday distribution from 10:00-11:30 a.m. will resume on Wednesday, April 15. There will be no meal distribution from OMS or deliveries made from April 9-13.

Please remember the following when going to a meal site:

- PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE.
- Drive up, roll down your back window, and let staff know how many meals are requested. No names are needed.

- Nutrition employees will put meals in through your back window while you remain in your vehicle.
- If you are picking up your order as a walk-up we will have a table set up with the meals in order to keep a safe distance.

We want to continue providing meals to all children who need them. If you have not previously indicated the need for meals and the need has arisen, please use the email address below to indicate the number of daily meals you anticipate picking up.

If any of these changes pose a hardship to your family and you cannot make it to the meal pickup site, please email [info@onalaskaschools.com](mailto:info@onalaskaschools.com) for assistance.

#### More information on the school website

[www.onalaska.k12.wi.us/community/coronavirusinformation](http://www.onalaska.k12.wi.us/community/coronavirusinformation)

- **West Salem School District – Suspension of Classes:** Classes will be suspended indefinitely until further notice. **Connections with Students/Families:** As a result of this change in state policy, the school district will institute an on-line model of instruction for grades 5–12 and will offer an extended learning program for grades 4K–4. On-line instruction in grades 5–12 will begin during the week of March 23rd. The initial materials for the extended learning program in grades 4K–4 are currently in place.

All additional information regarding process, procedures, and materials connected to both extended learning for grades 4K–4 and on-line learning for grades 5–12 will be provided through building-level communication. Each student is assigned to a specific staff member for continued communication and connection. The contact is your child's classroom teacher in grades 4K–4 or your child's homeroom teacher in grades 5–12. **Meal Program:** In order to allow our transportation department adequate planning time for deliveries, all orders must be submitted by 6 p.m. the day before the meals are needed. In addition, orders will now need to be submitted for each day that you need meals. You can submit all orders at one time. If you have already filled out the form prior to 11:00 a.m. this morning, you do not need to fill it out again for Wednesday and Thursday of this week, but you will need to fill it out for all subsequent days. You can access the form here

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZyQfGhwwlhLo8GYQypn8F33jcVru\\_d9KqwDOLi43rn2eu\\_w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZyQfGhwwlhLo8GYQypn8F33jcVru_d9KqwDOLi43rn2eu_w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

More updates will be on the school website [www.wsalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us)

#### State Unemployment COVID-19 Links

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm>

<https://www.uimn.org/applicants/needtoknow/news-updates/covid-19.jsp>

## The Exchange

It has been announced that The Exchange in La Crosse is closed until further notice for all contact, including client appointments and donations. If you are an agency advocate and you have an urgent client need, please call 608-301-5345.

## The Parenting Place

The Parenting Place closed its offices as of the end of business day yesterday (Monday, March 17) until further notice. Staff are working remotely. Staff will continue to provide support and education to child care providers and parents by phone and video conferencing. Supervised visits and exchanges will continue with altered protocols. Newsletter is paused. Planning to ramp up Facebook connections. More later as we figure out the details.

### Programming updates from The Parenting Place:

- All Parent Connection Groups (parent support groups in La Crosse, Sparta and Tomah) will resume normal schedule next week using an online format.

Details will be on our Facebook page and also communicated directly with our participants.

- Alternate Diaper Bank Distribution starts today with limited curbside pick-up at The Parenting Place for those who have contacted us about their needs. Will evaluate Diaper Bank distribution weekly and use Facebook to communicate changes.

- Parent Educators available by phone for parent support (Warmlines). Call our main line and listen to prompts (608)784-8125.

## The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army's Emergency Shelter and meal service programs are open and continue as planned but the administrative offices are closed. Staff are still available to help with support services, find resources, and guide those that need direction. If you are in need of help or know someone who is, please be sure to call The Salvation Army at (608) 782-6126 or email [christina.knudsen@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:christina.knudsen@usc.salvationarmy.org).

We do have some announcements regarding services: Our Thrift Store located at 728 Copeland Avenue will be temporarily closed, Sunday Morning Worship Services and our Food Pantry services are suspended. Any future assistance regarding food pantry items can be provided by WAFER until further notice.

We're asking that if anyone is looking to assist with volunteer needs, they can visit our website [www.SAlacrosse.org](http://www.SAlacrosse.org) or contact Alex at [alex.riley@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:alex.riley@usc.salvationarmy.org)

**UPDATE as of 3/26/20:** The Salvation Army Shelter at 223 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, La Crosse is locked down to help manage the current health and well-being of those currently in the shelter but also decrease the risk that someone who is unsheltered and currently well becomes exposed. **NO ADDITIONAL CLIENTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO SHELTER.** *Anyone who chooses to leave either of those shelters will not be allowed to come back.*

- The Salvation Army will become the primary point of contact for any households that either are currently unsheltered or who become unsheltered and who are seeking ANY assistance. **608-782-6126**
- The Salvation Army is working closely with Gundersen Health System and the County Health Department to do brief health screenings with all individuals/households who call seeking assistance to determine the best course of action for each case.
  - ***Unsheltered individuals will not be turned down for services at the Isolation Shelter if they are sick and need care but cannot access services there on their own – they must be assessed by The Salvation Army first.***

**THE SALVATION ARMY WILL ALSO BE PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT SERVICES TO THOSE THAT ARE UNSHELTERED:**

- Food and basic supplies including tents or sleeping bags
- Assessment and screening of health concerns to provide referral to the Isolation Shelter or other appropriate care
- Coordination with the Police Department on welfare checks if needed

**PLEASE DIRECT ANY INDIVIDUALS OR HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE UNSHELTERED AND SEEKING ASSISTANCE TO THE SALVATION ARMY - 608-782-6126**

**Tomah VAMC HUD-VASH**

**1. Program Updates:**

- Staff continue efforts to house individuals at the Garden Terrace project based apartments. HUD-VASH staff are currently working with a family to fill the remaining three bedroom unit. At this time, we would still have one (2 bedroom unit) available.
- 22 additional Veterans are in the process of completing housing choice voucher applications, briefings, and searching for housing at this time.
- The HUD-VASH housing team is on track to house 5 Veterans in the month of March.

**2. Team Contact Information:**

- Please call the main Tomah VAMC phone number 608.372.3971 and dial the appropriate extension listed below:
  - Megan, Supervisor: 67727
  - Desiree, Coordinator: 66452
  - Kelsey, Case Manager: 64027
  - Alicia, Case Manager: 64391
  - Tori, Case Manager: 64455
  - Paige, Case Manager: 64237
  - Heidi, Case Manager: 64347
  - Mark, Peer Support: 64353
  - Moriah, Peer Support: 66809
  - Kevin, Peer Support: 64349
  - Chris: Social Service Assistant: 64453
  - Holly: Social Service Assistant: 64450

### 3. Outreach/Education:

- April
  - “Lunch and Learn” for VA staff.
  - VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic Presentations
- May 11<sup>th</sup>
  - New Lisbon Correctional Institute Reentry Fair.
- May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Preparation for the annual VA2K has begun. The event will take place on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Tomah VAMC! If you are able to attend, please do so! Please see the following link for additional information about the national event: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/va2k/> **(DUE TO COVID-19, THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED)**
- May 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Mayo Health System Presentation

### 4. Groups:

- Peer supports and social service assistants are offering WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) group in both Tomah and La Crosse. Staff continue to work with community partners to start a WRAP group in Wausau. This group is open to all Veterans in the HUD-VASH program.
- Transportation assistance is provided for weekly AA meetings in Sparta, held every Wednesday. Transportation assistance is also provided to AA meetings in La Crosse, every Friday.
- Other groups that will be offered in the upcoming year include: Book Club, Garden Club, and a Coffee Clutch. More information to follow as these groups are developed!

### 5. VA COVID-19 PROTOCOL:

- The Tomah VAMC campus is only accessible to VA staff and Veterans who are presenting for appointments. Exceptions are being made for those who may need to be present with a Veteran due to end of life.
- Staff are utilizing virtual-video connect to maintain face to face contact with Veterans.
- HUD-VASH staff are not transporting Veterans at this time. However, walk-ins continue to be welcome. Despite the inability to assist with transportation, the housing team continues to assist Veterans with applications, obtaining supporting documentation, and continued searches for available housing.
- Veterans are being alerted daily to changing VA protocol, as appropriate.
- All VA groups and outreach (including those listed above) are suspended at this time. Staff are introducing creative ways for Veterans to remain engaged with support groups and have provided information for community partners that are still functioning via telephone conferencing/other means.

## **U.S. Census**

The public is strongly encouraged to respond online. Options for responding by phone or mail are available. The deadline to fill out the survey has been extended to August 14th. For more information, go to [2020Census.Gov](https://2020Census.Gov)

## **UW Extension**

UW Extension put together a page of financial resources to help get through COVID-19.  
<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/toughtimes/covid-19-financial-resources/>

## **WAFER**

WAFER Food Pantry will remain open and committed to serving the community through the Coronavirus Pandemic, but will be altering processes to keep our community safe and ensure access to food. We are here for all families in need during this time and will continue to provide the necessary resources to our community. WAFER food pantry will now be providing pre-packaged boxes of non-perishable and perishable food for all existing or new clients during normal distribution hours.

The new procedure begins immediately and will continue until further notice at WAFER Food Pantry and applies to services provided on the Mobile Food Pantry as well. New procedures are as follows:

Clients will be greeted by a volunteer at the door to gather information – account holder name and family size – then receive a food package. These packages will include a box of dry goods and a box/bag of dairy, produce, bakery, and meat. Carts will be available for clients to transport packages to their vehicle and will be expected to be returned after use. New clients will be able to apply in person at the door and receive a food package the same day.

Things to Bring:

- \* Photo ID
- \* Personal carts to transport food

To ensure the safety and handling of food, WAFER staff and volunteers will also be taking extra sanitization efforts while packaging food and working with clients and within the building. These measures and procedures will be taking place until further notice. Any updates will be posted on the website.

We are happy to continue serving the needs of our community at this time and ask you to check our website for more information. We are anticipating an increase in need and would greatly appreciate any food or monetary donations.

## **Workforce Connections**

Workforce Connections is working remotely at this time. They are doing as much as possible over the phone and video. They have a Request Services form on their website:  
<http://workforceconnections.org/request-services.html>



They administer Emergency Assistance, FoodShare Employment & Training (FSET), and Wisconsin Works (W2). The phone number is 1-855-418-9332. Folks will most likely need to leave a message due to higher call

## **YWCA La Crosse**

**Today, (March 20) our Child Center is open.** Staff are taking extra steps to ensure the center is clean and as safe as possible for children. We recognize that families in our community still need reliable, safe, quality childcare for their children. We also recognize that there is a need for school-age care. As of Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Child Center will be opening spaces for school-age children. If you or someone you know needs school-age care, contact Karen at [kknnox@ywcalax.org](mailto:kknnox@ywcalax.org) or by calling 608-785-9541. **Today, our CASA for Kids program is operating with modifications.** With guidance from the National and State CASA administration, we have suspended one-on-one visits with children and volunteers have moved to checking in on children weekly by phone and video chat. It is critical that we continue to connect with each child during this uncertain time. We know there are some children in higher risk situations and we are working with volunteers to ensure those children's needs are still met and that their safety is still our priority. **Today, our Supportive Housing programs are open.** Ophelia's House is supporting women 24/7 and ensuring their health and safety by suspending all in-person programming with outside agencies and contractors. Some of those services will continue virtually for the time being. Ruth House is housing women as normal and will remain open to provide shelter for many in our community who would otherwise be without a safe place to live. **Today, Restorative Justice is moving to online learning, conferencing, and support for students.** They're working through the kinks of continuing meetings for circle keepers and providing support to those students as needed in light of school closings. These are trying times for the adults in our community and can be equally as stressful and uncertain for youth. We're there for them in that time of need to provide reassurance, guidance, and an empathetic ear. **Today, we're all in this together.** Our offices are closed to walk-ins, but are open for the community to contact us. If you need to reach our staff, you can call **608-781-2783** or email us at [info@ywcalax.org](mailto:info@ywcalax.org).

## **7 Rivers LGBTQ+ Center**

7 Rivers LGBTQ+ Center has closed offices. However, we will be continuing groups via streaming online, please check our Facebook page and web site for details.

# Houston County Resource List

**Last updated March 30, 2020**

*(This list will be updated as much as possible. If you have an update, please email [olivia.denney@co.houston.mn.us](mailto:olivia.denney@co.houston.mn.us) or comment on the post at the top of the Houston County Emergency Management Facebook page. The post will be updated as much as possible. Also check that post for the most recent updates.)*

## **What You Need to Know:**

- As of March 30, 2020, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Houston County. Minnesota Department of Health is advising that there is community spread and the amount of cases does not necessarily reflect the total number of cases in the state. Check <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html>
- IF YOU HAVE ANY GENERAL SYMPTOMS: PLEASE STAY HOME. Any respiratory symptoms may be attributed to COVID-19. Stay home at least 7 days after symptoms go away, or at least 3 days after your fever leaves.
- **Mayo Clinic:** If you are showing any sign of possible COVID-19 symptoms, please contact your local health provider. Your provider or a nurse will direct you to our dedicated COVID-19 Nurse Line.
- **Gundersen:** Call your primary care provider or call our Telephone Nurse Advisors (24/7, 365): 608-775-4454 or 800-858-1050.
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) COVID-19 Hotlines (open 7 am – 7 pm)
  - Health questions: 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903
  - Community mitigation (schools, childcare, businesses) questions: 651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504
  - DHS Crisis Text Line: [https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/policies-procedures/adult-mental-health/crisis-text-line/?fbclid=IwAR2CswzUGQbZlbt9z7AiITodj5VD2BNWvW6MqnBWBFCQEhEf4P3y48q\\_F3c](https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/policies-procedures/adult-mental-health/crisis-text-line/?fbclid=IwAR2CswzUGQbZlbt9z7AiITodj5VD2BNWvW6MqnBWBFCQEhEf4P3y48q_F3c)
- Minnesota Unemployment: <https://www.uimn.org/applicants/needtoknow/news-updates/covid-19.jsp?fbclid=IwAR1-v4im1JzHOCy5AeXkFNKwJb0fcaXHa06beDXKptbRAAgVy5olb3DpUQA>
- Minnesota Workers' Rights and Protections: [https://www.dli.mn.gov/workers/worker-rights-and-protections?fbclid=IwAR2\\_8za\\_hgf\\_ZDGGOFtIMke5cwktUe-xgOT0Us--OY7ufilzllux-LBDCU](https://www.dli.mn.gov/workers/worker-rights-and-protections?fbclid=IwAR2_8za_hgf_ZDGGOFtIMke5cwktUe-xgOT0Us--OY7ufilzllux-LBDCU)
- MNSURE deadlines have been extended until April 21 due to the situation.

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# **Houston County Offices Information**

- Houston County Board of Commissioner Chair Eric Johnson has declared a health emergency, which was ratified by the full board on March 24. This allows the county government to proceed with emergency measures regarding COVID-19.
- Effective March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>, the County Justice Center will be closed to the public. Necessary Sheriff's Office or Court business will be accepted by appointment only. Please contact the Department of Corrections (507-725-5808), Court Administration (507-725-5806), County Attorney (507-725-5802), or Sheriff's Office (507-725-3379) to schedule an appointment or to determine if your business can be conducted over the phone or to obtain access to the facility. No person who has an elevated risk of transmitting COVID-19 may attend any in-court hearing or proceeding.
- The Houston County Detention Center has implemented the following changes to routine procedures:
  - All public fingerprinting services have been suspended
  - All programming services for inmates have been suspended
  - Inmate work crews (Sentence to Serve) activities have been suspended
  - All jail and dispatch tours have been cancelled
  - Permit to Carry applications will be accepted by appointment only effective Monday, March 30. Applicants will need to provide a clear copy of their training certificate and driver's license.
  - Permit to Purchase applications will be accepted by mail. Include a clear copy of driver's license with your application.
  - Inmate video visitation has been suspended through April 10, 2020. Normal phone-in visitation will still be allowed during the regular hours.
- The Houston County Third Judicial District Court is following State guidance on Court scheduling and encourages parties to call (507-725-5806) before they come to court or if they need any clarification on scheduling. Super High and High Priority cases will continue to be heard. Persons necessary to conduct a litigant's hearing, and other persons with prior approval of the court, may attend these court proceedings, but social distancing practices will be implemented. Where appropriate, phone and ITV resources will be used. Please refer to [www.mncourts.gov](http://www.mncourts.gov) for more information.
- The Historic County Courthouse, Highway Department, and County Community Services Building will be closed to walk-in public access, though all county offices will continue to conduct business. Where possible, we will provide services via phone, e-mail, or mail and encourage use of the drop-box near the Historic Courthouse west entrance for applications, license plate tab renewals, and tax payments. Please see our website for full list of phone numbers.
- Drop sites will remain open on the regular schedule during the week with the following changes in operations. **Drop Sites will be closed on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>.** Drop Site employees have been instructed not to assist customers with unloading and customers will be asked to remain outside drop site buildings to avoid person-to-person contact. The drop sites will only accept bagged trash, recyclable

plastic, tin cans, bottles and cardboard during this time. Customers will not be asked to sign receipts. Residents are encouraged to avoid unnecessary trips to drop sites, if disposal of an item is not urgent, please postpone it.

- The Houston County Historical Society Museum & Research Center is CLOSED until further notice.

# **Brownsville**

## ***Essential Services:***

- **UPDATE:** Free meals continue through the end of April at the City Hall/Community Center, this week we are trying a different schedule: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays we will provide 2 days' worth of meals each day. We will be in Brownsville at 11:30 am on those days. Caledonia Area Public Schools will be providing free bag meals during the mandated COVID-19 school closure. Bag meals will be offered starting March 19th thru March 27th. The sack will contain a **breakfast** (grain, cheese stick, fruit, juice) **and a lunch** (a sandwich, fruit, vegetable, and a beverage). **Any child, in your household 18 years of age or younger is eligible to receive one of these bags of meals.** All bag meals will be offered FREE of charge regardless if your student is eligible for free/reduced meals to household members 18 and under.

## ***Restaurants & Food:***

- Saxon Hall: Regular menu available as take-out and delivery. Off sale available.
  - Hours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 5-8 pm
  - Delivery must be \$20 + and is limited to the city limits of Brownsville but no gravel roads.

# Caledonia

## ***Essential Services:***

- **FOOD SHELF:** Donate financially through [www.semccac.org/donate](http://www.semccac.org/donate). They are open Tuesdays and Thursdays at normal times, and there are signs posted for instructions. Email [caledoniacc@semccac.org](mailto:caledoniacc@semccac.org) to make an appointment before visiting.
- **Caledonia City Hall, Police Station, Public Library:** CLOSED until further notice. City staff will be available by phone at 507-725-3450 and by email. Non-emergency police assistance: 507-725-3889. Utility bills can be paid using the box outside city hall, by calling 507-725-3450, or online through Payment Service Network, which can be accessed through the city website. All debit/credit surcharges through phone payments are waived.
- **UPDATE: Free meals continue through the end of April at the Caledonia Elementary School, this week we are trying a different schedule: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays we will provide 2 days' worth of meals each day. We will be at the school from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm on those days:** Caledonia Area Public Schools will be providing free bag meals during the mandated COVID-19 school closure. Bag meals will be offered starting March 19th thru March 27th. The sack will contain a **breakfast** (grain, cheese stick, fruit, juice) **and a lunch** (a sandwich, fruit, vegetable, and a beverage). **Any child, in your household 18 years of age or younger is eligible to receive one of these bags of meals.** All bag meals will be offered FREE of charge regardless if your student is eligible for free/reduced meals to household members 18 and under.
- **Caledonia Community Giving** is available with volunteers if you have needs at this time. Contact them via facebook @Caledoniachampions or email [caledoniacommunitygiving@gmail.com](mailto:caledoniacommunitygiving@gmail.com).
- **Mayo Clinic Caledonia** will be temporarily closing to redirect resources to their COVID-19 response.

## ***Restaurants & Food:***

- **Quillins:** Order your food for pick-up by calling 507-725-5276! Order Monday and Tuesday from 8-11 am and you can pick up after 1:00 pm on Wednesday. Order Wednesday and Thursday from 8-11 am and you can pick up after 1:00 pm on Friday.
  - **New Store Hours:** 7 am – 7 pm, 7 days a week. 7 – 8 am is reserved for customers in high-risk categories.
- **AJ's Bar & Grill:** Currently not open, check the AJ's Bar and Grill Facebook page for most recent updates.
- **Caledonia Bakery:** Limiting the number of customers in the bakery at a time. You can call to place your order and staff will bring it out to you in your car. You can also call ahead. Normal business hours.

- Chuck's Old-Fashioned Meats: Normal hours from Monday-Saturday, offering delivery arrangements after 6 pm by calling 507-725-BEEF (2333). Eggs, fresh, and frozen ground beef are available.
- Elsie's: Regular menu available as pickup and delivery, as well as daily carryout specials (check Facebook or call for daily specials). Pickup window is the window next to the telephone booth on the north side of the building. Frozen pizzas are now available.
- Good Times Restaurant and Bar: CLOSED until further notice.
- The Farmhouse Eatery & Gifts: CLOSED until further notice. **E-Gift Cards Available.**
- Redwood Café: The Redwood Café is officially closed after 60+ years of business.
- Wired Rooster: CLOSED until it's safe and they are allowed to reopen.
- The American Legion is closed until further notice.

**Community:**

- Dollar General has dedicated its first hour of business to senior customers only.
- Buckboard: Closed until further notice
- Caledonia Argus: Offices closed during business hours. You can contact via Facebook, email, or call the office at 507-724-3475. Virus-related stories posted to website free of charge.
- MAAD Alley: CLOSED for the season.
- Mary Ann's Floral/Pine Cone Place: CLOSED – Deliveries and pick-ups resume April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Twice as Nice is closed until further notice.
- Herman Dental Clinic is only open for emergencies. If you have a dental emergency call 507-725-3341.
- Mell Chiropractic is temporarily closing until further notice.
- Wiebke Tire: Call the shop at 507-725-2875 to make an appointment for URGENT needs only. Only employees are permitted in the shop.
- AcenTek is offering free broadband and WiFi internet for students and teachers who do not currently have service with them. Call 888-404-4940 for more information.



# Eitzen

## *Essential Services:*

- City Hall: Remaining open at this time during normal hours.
- Eitzen Community Center is closed to the public until further notice. Those who have reserved the Community Center will be contacted regarding their reservation.
- **UPDATE: Free meals continue through the end of April at City Hall, this week we are trying a different schedule: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays we will provide 2 days' worth of meals each day. We will be in Eitzen at 11:30 am on those days.** Caledonia Area Public Schools will be providing free bag meals during the mandated COVID-19 school closure. Bag meals will be offered starting March 19th thru March 27th. The sack will contain a **breakfast** (grain, cheese stick, fruit, juice) **and a lunch** (a sandwich, fruit, vegetable, and a beverage). **Any child, in your household 18 years of age or younger is eligible to receive one of these bags of meals.** All bag meals will be offered FREE of charge regardless if your student is eligible for free/reduced meals to household members 18 and under.
- To get signed up for meals on wheels (or to help deliver meals), call: 507-864-8228

## *Restaurants & Food:*

- Gater's Bar & Grill is open 11:00 – 7:00 Monday through Saturday with off-sale available during these hours.

## *Essential Services:*

# Freeburg

## *Essential Services:*

- **UPDATE: Free meals continue through the end of April at the Community Center, this week we are trying a different schedule: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays we will provide 2 days' worth of meals each day. We will be in Freeburg at 11:30 am on those days.** Caledonia Area Public Schools will be providing free bag meals during the mandated COVID-19 school closure. Bag meals will be offered starting March 19th thru March 27th. The sack will contain a **breakfast** (grain, cheese stick, fruit, juice) **and a lunch** (a sandwich, fruit, vegetable, and a beverage). **Any child, in your household 18 years of age or younger is eligible to receive one of these bags of meals.** All bag meals will be offered FREE of charge regardless if your student is eligible for free/reduced meals to household members 18 and under.

## *Restaurants & Food:*

- Little Miami is open for to-go orders and off sale Wednesday-Sunday from 11 am – 7 pm. Call 507-724-2156 to place your order. Daily specials on their Facebook page.

# Hokah

## ***Essential Services:***

- Hokah City Offices: Closed to the public until further notice. City staff will be available to assist citizens by phone at 507-894-4990 and by email. Non-emergency city police assistance: 507-894-4777.
- Hokah Public Library: Closed to the public until further notice.
- Free meals are available for ***all*** children in our community! The only qualifying factor is to be 18 yrs of age or under. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity if you haven't already. And, ask that you tell your neighbors or anyone that you know that may be in need. You can sign up at anytime by calling Brittney at 507-895-5051 or by completing the following survey: <https://bit.ly/ISD300requestmeals>
  - Pickup is scheduled for **Monday-Friday from 4:30-6:00** and the meals bag will contain breakfast and lunch meal for the following day.
  - The pickup locations are as follows:
    - La Crescent Mayo Clinic lot
    - Dresbach- By Bobcat
    - La Crescent Pool Parking lot
    - High School Parking lot
    - Hokah City Hall 4:30-5:15 p.m, St. Pete's 5:15-6:00 p.m.
    - Brownsville Community Center
  - Please contact Brittney at 507-895-5051 if these locations or times do not work for you. Look for the school bus at each location! (High School - use stack doors).
  - ***\*\* There will be no pick up on 3/26, 3/27 & 3/30 due to Spring Break***
- To get signed up for meals on wheels or to volunteer to deliver, call: 507-864-8228.

## ***Community:***

- Hokah Firefighters Association Gun Raffle: Postponed until May 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Hokah City Hall.

# **Houston**

## ***Essential Services:***

- City Hall: Closed to the public until further notice. Drop off your city payments in the drop box to the right of the door. Call the office at 507-896-4033 if you need assistance.
- Community Center, Nature Center: Closed until further notice.
- The Houston Library is closed. However, they are offering contactless curbside pick=up for items ordered online, by phone, or by email at the front of the building. Call 896-7323 or email [hpublib@gmail.com](mailto:hpublib@gmail.com) with questions for concerns. Order online at [www.houston.lib.mn.us](http://www.houston.lib.mn.us). You will need your library card number and pin to order – call if you need assistance.
- **Student Lunches:** Houston Schools will be providing free meal bundles to all district resident children 18 and under if at least one child in the household attends a dismissed school. To sign up for the meal bundle or just lunch (typical meal prices), call 507-896-5323, option 8. State your name, names of children for whom you want meals, if you want lunch or the meal bundle, which weekdays you'd like it prepared, the time between 10:00 – 1:00 you can pick up OR the need for delivery due to lack of transportation or medical fragility and give your address.
- To get signed up for meals on wheels or to volunteer to deliver, call: 507-864-8228.
- The Houston Community Food Shelf is open Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 or until everyone has food. They are pre-packaging food for patrons. If you have specific items you would like, they will have a box outside the door where you may place a list of what you need with your name on it in the box no later than noon on Thursdays. You may also email [llegrande1@gmail.com](mailto:llegrande1@gmail.com). There are people willing to deliver items if you are unable to make it or do not want to leave your home. They welcome everyone in need.

## ***Restaurants & Food:***

- Barista's Coffee House: All orders are made to go – call ahead for food orders or drink orders larger than 3 drinks at 507-896-JAVA.
  - Hours: Monday – Friday 6:30 until 1:30; Saturday 7 am – 2 pm, closed Sundays until a better time.
- JT's Bar & Grill is open for takeout only.
- Subzero Pizza is open with curbside service.
- River Valley Convenience is open with to go service available.
- The American Legion is closed until further notice.

## ***Community:***

- Valley High Golf Club: Closed until May 1<sup>st</sup> or until they are given permission to reopen.
- Nesler Auto Repair office is closed to the public. They are only taking prescheduled vehicle repairs for non-routine maintenance. Keys can be placed in the drop box as well as knocking on the shop door for a mechanic to come and assist.
- Houston Nature Center indoor exhibits are closed until further notice.

# La Crescent

## ***Essential Services:***

- FOOD SHELF: Open Wednesdays 2-5 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 9 – noon (normal hours) at the curb of the new location: 436 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street (former Pam's Hair Salon building just south of the elementary school). They are providing pre-packed bags of food. New phone number is 507-895-1115. If you would like to donate financially, write your check to "La Crescent Food Shelf" and mail it to the HCP Center at 333 Main Street, La Crescent, MN 55947 or give online at <https://givemn.org/story/LaCrescentFoodShelf>
- City Hall: After 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 18, offices will be closed to the public. Staff will be on hand to answer questions via phone. Main office line: 507-895-2595. For other numbers, visit the City of La Crescent Facebook page or the city website. You may place water payments in the dropbox outside the front door. Permits can be done online via the city website. You can renew your license plate tabs online at [www.dvs.dps.mn.gov](http://www.dvs.dps.mn.gov).
- La Crescent Public Library is closed to the public until further notice. Service by phone and email will be available at [lcr\\_dire@selco.info](mailto:lcr_dire@selco.info) and 507-895-4047.
- Free meals are available for **all** children in our community! The only qualifying factor is to be 18 yrs of age or under. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity if you haven't already. And, ask that you tell your neighbors or anyone that you know that may be in need. You can sign up at anytime by calling Brittney at 507-895-5051 or by completing the following survey: <https://bit.ly/ISD300requestmeals>
  - Pick up is scheduled for **Monday-Friday from 4:30-6:00** and the meals bag will contain breakfast and lunch meal for the following day.
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    - Brownsville Community Center
  - Please contact Brittney at 507-895-5051 if these locations or times do not work for you. Look for the school bus at each location! (High School - use stack doors).
  - **\*\* There will be no pick up on 3/26, 3/27 & 3/30 due to Spring Break**
- La Crescent Senior Dining is offering delivery only to all clients. You can sign up to be on the delivery route or to help volunteer by calling 507-864-8231.
- To get on the meals on wheels list or to volunteer to deliver, please call 507-895-6585.

## ***Transportation:***

- As of 3/30, Apple Express is still operating normally for essential need travel only. They will not be providing service on Sundays during this time. Visit La Crosse MTU Facebook page for the most up to date information.

**Restaurants & Food:**

- Swing Bridge Pub: **Taking over the La Crescent Baseball Spaghetti Supper on Tuesday, March 31!** Drive up to the event center, stay in your car, they will run you out as many spaghetti dinners as you need with breadsticks and a ceasar salad. There is a good-will offering donation. Bring cash. Check their Facebook page for the most up to date restaurant nformation.
- Schmitty's TimeOut Tavern: offering full menu carryout service by calling 507-895-4239.
  - Hours: Monday – Saturday 11 am – 1:30 pm, 4:30 – 8 pm.
- Sports Hub Bar & Grill: open for carry-out with a full menu from 11 am – 8 pm daily. Off-sale beer & liquor available. Call 507-895-2715 to place your order.
- Kaddy's Café: Open normal hours for take-out/curbside pickup. Call 507-895-2900 to place your order. Daily specials on the Kaddy's Café Facebook page and the full menu is available.
  - Hours: 6 am – 2 pm daily, 4 – 8 pm Friday night.
- Corky's Pizza: Open regular hours for carry-out only. Call 507-895-6996 to place your order. Menu at [www.corkyspizza.net/menu/](http://www.corkyspizza.net/menu/)

**Community:**

- Chamber of Commerce office is closed to the public. April 2<sup>nd</sup> Trivia Night is cancelled.

# **Spring Grove**

## ***Essential Services:***

- During the mandated school closure, Spring Grove Schools will be serving free meals (breakfast and lunch) to all children under the age of 18. Meals will be grab n' go. Pick up times are between 11:00 – 12:30 on regularly scheduled school days. You can pick up at Door 1 of the school or at Viking Memorial Park, either at the white school van or at the log cabin. If you would like your child to receive meals, please fill out the survey here: <https://forms.gle/ZpmPafiwt6scQeg6A>
- Spring Grove City Hall is closed to the public until further notice. Payments can be left in the drop box next to the front door or by the back garage. If you have questions or need assistance, please call 507-498-5221. Staff will be available 8-5 Monday through Friday. Public restrooms at the log cabin and fest building are closed until further notice.
- To get on the meals on wheels list or to volunteer to deliver, please call: 507-498-3385.
- If you need more resources about what is available and community happenings, please check out the Caring For Our Neighbors, Spring Grove Area Facebook page.

## ***Restaurants & Food:***

- Doc's Blue Moose is closed temporarily due to the severity of the pandemic.
- Ivy Grove Café is open regular hours with carry out orders ONLY. Call 507-498-5450 to order.
- The Lounge in The Corner is off-sale only from 12 pm – 10 pm through March 27.
- Red's IGA will shop for you. Go to [www.shopreds.com](http://www.shopreds.com) to place orders for curbside pickup. Orders after 3:00 pm will be picked for next business day.
- Spring Grove Soda Pop: Call 507-498-3424 or order through their website at [www.springgrovesodapop.com](http://www.springgrovesodapop.com) to place your order for curbside pick up. Ring the bell and they'll take care of you.

## ***Community:***

- Spring Grove Cinema is closed until further notice.

# **Legal Action of Wisconsin**

## **Wisconsin's 60-Day Eviction Ban**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

On March 27, 2020, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers issued Executive Order 15, temporarily banning most evictions and foreclosures. Legal Action of Wisconsin offers this fact sheet to help renters understand how the order affects them. We also discuss a federal law that protects many, but not all, renters. Legal Action advocates are available to advise low-income people and seniors about their rights during this time. Call 855-947-2925 for help.

#### **How long is the ban in effect?**

March 27, 2020 through May 26, 2020. The Governor could extend or change it.

#### **Do I still have to pay my rent?**

Yes. The ban did not suspend rent payments.

#### **Can my landlord give me a termination notice?**

Your landlord CANNOT legally give you a termination notice for nonpayment of rent, other minor lease violations, or a regular 28-day or 60-day notice for a month-to-month lease. A landlord CAN legally give a tenant a termination notice if the landlord believes there is a threat of serious physical harm to another person if the tenant does not leave the rental property. When a landlord gives this kind of termination notice, they must attach an affidavit stating that failing to evict that tenant will create a threat of serious physical harm to another person. Your landlord CAN issue termination notices after May 26, 2020 based on any rent you did not pay during the eviction ban.

#### **Can my landlord file an eviction case against me in court?**

Your landlord can't legally file a new eviction case in court through May 26, 2020, even if they already issued a termination notice, unless there is an imminent threat of serious physical harm to another person if you do not move. If your landlord files an eviction in court, they must include an affidavit swearing under oath that failing to evict you will create a threat or serious physical harm to another person. Your landlord can probably file a case in court after May 26, 2020 based on the old notice.

**I am already in court in an eviction case that my landlord filed before the Governor's order. What is going to happen?**

Different courts are handling the crisis differently. You should call your local clerk of courts to find out what is happening with your case. You can also call Legal Action of Wisconsin to ask for help.

**What if I already lost my eviction case? Is the sheriff going to make me move?**

Not during the ban. Sheriffs cannot remove you from your home even if an eviction judgement has already been issued by a court. There is an exception if your landlord tells the court that failing to evict you would put others in danger. After the ban is lifted, the sheriff will be able to remove you.

**Can my landlord evict me by locking me out or shutting off my utilities?**

No. It is always illegal for your landlord to lock you out, shut off your utilities, or take any other threatening action to force you to move without a court order. If this happens, call your local police immediately and seek the advice of a lawyer.