



WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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Chairman Issues County Emergency Proclamation

WINNEBAGO COUNTY – Building on our coordinated and collaborative approach to COVID-19, Winnebago County Board Chairman Frank Haney today signed a disaster proclamation for the county under Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Act. This is a proactive measure often taken by communities after the Governor declares a state-wide emergency, which gives County officials another operational tool in its continuing response efforts.

The proclamation will enhance the County's ability to access the resources, equipment and personnel needed to address ongoing issues during this challenging time. It also positions the County to access funding and support from the federal government when additional resources are necessary and funding is made available.

"The County's top priority is the safety of our residents," says Haney. "I want to urge our residents to follow the guidance provided by the Winnebago County Health Department, the Illinois Departments of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

Last week, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker issued a state disaster proclamation that will also make additional resources available, such as expedited procurement and federal reimbursements for state response costs. This proclamation also allows the governor to activate Illinois National Guard reservists, including available doctors and nurses. Additionally, the state disaster declaration allows for health and public safety professionals to be deployed to areas of the state that are experiencing staff shortages.

For more information on COVID-19:

Go to the Winnebago County Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention websites.

- http://www.wchd.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=749&Itemid=1336
- <http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

For general questions about COVID-19, call:

- Illinois Department of Public Health hotline at 1-800-889-3931
- For question specific to Winnebago County, call the Winnebago County Health Department hotline at 1-815-319-6705

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