



# BECKER COUNTY

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### **BECKER COUNTY TEMPORARILY LIMITING CITIZEN ACCESS TO ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS**

**DETROIT LAKES, MN** –Pursuant to Resolution of the Becker County Board of Commissioners meeting dated March 17th, 2020 and consultation with Public Health, Emergency Management, and the Becker County Sheriff’s Department, we will be limiting access to all public buildings effective Monday, March 23rd at 8:00 a.m. Exterior doors will be locked at the courthouse, human services and the highway department. The Sheriff’s Office Dispatch window will remain open for emergencies only. The only door open for scheduled appoints and 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court operations will be located on Lake Avenue of the Becker County Courthouse. Basic COVID screening will be conducted of all that enter the Court House Building.

In implementing these measures, Becker County will be following guidelines presented by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Executive Order of Governor Walz and recommendations of President Trump on social distancing. Providing for the well-being and limiting exposure to our employees and the general public is of the utmost importance to the Becker County Board of Commissioners.

While the buildings will be closed to the public, services and operation hours will continue to be provided to the citizens through phone, email and by appointment only. Becker County also offers many on-line services. Citizens are encouraged to explore these options and utilize them whenever possible. Citizens should call prior to coming to campus to ensure department/staff availability. A listing of department/agency contacts will be provided at each door. Public access to the courthouse will continue for court related business.

The landfill will continue with normal operations at this time. Operations at the landfill and recycling will be reviewed in more detail in the coming week. See the Becker County website for procedure changes at motor vehicle. Due to the fluidity of information regarding COVID-19 it is anticipated that further updates will be provided. The Becker County website ([www.co.becker.mn.us](http://www.co.becker.mn.us)) will be updated and can be utilized by citizens for new announcements, press releases, preparedness recommendations, along with local closure information. This procedure will be in place until Friday, March 27 at which time, these procedures will be reevaluated. If you have any questions, please contact (218) 846-7200.

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