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Governor Walz Issues a Stay at Home Order for Minnesotans

(March 25, 2020, Red Wing, Minn.) – To slow the spread of COVID-19 across the state, Governor Tim Walz today signed Executive Order 20-20 directing Minnesotans to stay at home and limit movements outside of their home beyond essential needs. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm on Friday, March 27, and ends at 5:00 pm on Friday, April 10.

Minnesotans may leave their residences only to perform any of the following activities, and while doing so, they should practice social distancing:

- **Health and safety activities**, such as obtaining emergency services or medical supplies
- **Outdoor activities**, such as walking, hiking, running, biking, hunting, or fishing
- **Necessary Supplies and Services**, such as getting groceries, gasoline, or carry-out
- **Essential and interstate travel**, such as returning to a home from outside this state
- **Care of others**, such as caring for a family member, friend, or pet in another household
- **Displacement**, such as moving between emergency shelters if you are without a home
- **Relocation to ensure safety**, such as relocating to a different location if your home has been unsafe due to domestic violence, sanitation, or essential operations reasons
- **Tribal activities and lands**, such as activities by members within the boundaries of their tribal reservation

Workers who work in critical sectors during this time are exempt from the stay at home order. These exemptions are based on [federal guidance from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with some Minnesota-specific additions. This includes, but is not limited to, jobs in:

- Healthcare and public health;
- Law enforcement, public safety, and first responders;
- Emergency shelters, congregate living facilities, drop-in centers;
- Child care;
- Food and agriculture;
- News media;
- Energy;
- Water and wastewater; and
- Critical manufacturing.

The Governor also today issued executive orders extending the closure of bars, restaurants, and other public accommodations set forth in Executive Orders 20-04 and 20-08 until May 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm and authorizing the Commissioner of Education to implement a Distance Learning Period for Minnesota’s students beginning on March 30 through May 4, 2020.

What do these orders mean for Red Wing? Public Works Director Rick Moskwa states that “Public Works will continue to provide essential services such as water, wastewater, refuse, recycling, building security systems, roads, building and essential vehicle maintenance. The staff that provide these services are considered essential and they will continue to work under the provisions of Governor Walz’s order unless otherwise instructed.”

Police and Emergency Response Services will also remain staffed and functional. Chief Pohlman echos Governor Walz in asking “All Minnesotans voluntarily comply with the stay at home order.” Additionally, he notes that up until this order, many Red Wing residents have been utilizing our parks, but need to be more diligent about practicing social distancing, especially our young people. With this order in place, fewer people are anticipated to visit our parks. As a reminder, city Parks are closed from 10:30 PM – Sunrise. Minors age 15 to 18 have curfew from 12:00 AM – 5:00 AM, and minors under the age of 15 have curfew from 10:00 PM – 5:00 AM.

The City of Red Wing is dedicated to the ongoing health and well being of its residents. With its tradition of growth, stability and innovation, city leadership continues to maintain a proactive approach and a firm commitment to businesses, history, natural resources and, most important, the Red Wing community.

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