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COVID-19 UPDATE – MARCH 15, 2020

Racine – Racine County officials are continuing to closely monitor the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak and are working to mitigate the impact on residents and employees.

The outbreak and public response is extremely fluid and Racine County is preparing for multiple scenarios related to county operations. While county facilities will be open Monday, March 16, staff is continuing to make alternative arrangements to in-person functions while we assess the continued feasibility of keeping county buildings open. Racine County is also developing continuity plans for departments and instituting a series of internal measures and work flexibility options to ensure safety of employees.

“The safety of residents and our employees is our top priority. We encourage Racine County residents to take all necessary steps and precautions to ensure the safety of themselves and their families,” County Executive Delagrave said.

The Racine County Sheriff’s Office and Communications Center continues full operations with additional measures implemented to protect the safety of first responders. This includes additional screening questions for all rescue calls to identify possible coronavirus symptoms.

Racine County encourages residents to keep distance from others, avoid gathering in groups and stay home if possible. We also advise residents to continue to practice healthy habits:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean, disinfect frequently touched objects/surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- If it is not an emergency and you get sick, call your healthcare provider before seeking care.

For the latest guidance and to stay informed, visit the CDC's COVID-19 website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19.

Regular updates will also be posted on the county's website at www.racinecounty.com and the County's Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/RacineCounty.

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