

# CHIPPEWA COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER

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## Press Release

### County Offices Closed to Public

MARCH 19, 2020, MONTEVIDEO, MN – All Chippewa County offices, with the exception of the Sheriff Lobby Door location for only essential appearances or business and County Board Meetings, are closed to the public beginning on March 20, 2020 and until further notice. The decision was made by the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners who held an emergency meeting in the County Board Room on Thursday Afternoon, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to discuss appropriate prevention and protection measures in response to the expanding COVID-19 pandemic. This was done in consultation with County Sheriff Derek Olson and Emergency Manager Stephanie Weick.

In taking these measures, Chippewa County remains in line with guidance for social distancing strategies recommended by both the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) in addition to the Governor of Minnesota and the Commissioner of Health.

This action will also help protect staff and the general public from being exposed to potentially sick individuals and spreading the virus to our residents, friends and families.

While the offices will be closed to the public, normal county services and operations will continue to be provided to the community on the same schedule, through both phone and email. Employees will still report to work and communicate as appropriate with their supervisor. Many services can also be done online if necessary and citizens are encouraged to explore those options. A listing of department contacts can be found on the county webpage at [www.co.chippewa.mn.us](http://www.co.chippewa.mn.us)) or by calling the Auditor/Treasurer's Office at 320-269-7447.

Please refer to Countryside Public Health for updates on COVID-19 progression and prevention guidance at [countrysidepublichealth.org](http://countrysidepublichealth.org).

Thank You,  
Matt Gilbertson, Chippewa County Board Chair  
Stephanie Weick, Emergency Management