



Goodhue County

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To: Board of Commissioners  
From: Scott Arneson, County Administrator  
Date: 5/16/2023  
Re: COVID Declaration

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners passed an Emergency Declaration to protect the public and our employees in the midst of COVID-19. The declaration modified service delivery and declared an emergency within the County. As we all experienced, COVID-19 cases were rising drastically and the world was changing rapidly then.

During this time, we thank the tireless efforts of all community members, workers, businesses, schools, hospitals, clinics, organizations, and local health and human services who have navigated together through the COVID-19 pandemic. Most importantly, we forget not the 156 neighbors and loved ones we have lost to this virus here in Goodhue County.

Three years later, the Federal government has announced the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency has ended effective Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. In Goodhue County, and elsewhere in Minnesota, case numbers, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID-19 are significantly lower than they were during the surge in late 2021 and early 2022. While not gone, COVID-19 has become apart of the daily lives of us all and we must continue to care for ourselves and each other as this virus still poses a threat to our health.

In parallel with the ending of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, staff recommends for the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners to repeal the Emergency Declaration today, Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and to be effective Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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