PUBLIC ACCESS RESTRICTED AT ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR ALL NONESSENTIAL SERVICES

MORA, MN – All Kanabec County buildings and facilities are closed to the public for all nonessential services effective immediately and until further notice. Limited access will remain for courts, public health and family services. The decision was made by the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners at their regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 in response to prevention and protection measures for the expanding COVID-19 pandemic. This decision was made in consultation with Emergency Management, Public Health and Human Resources.

In taking these measures, Kanabec County remains in line with guidance for social distancing strategies recommended by both the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the 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 spreading the virus to our friends and families.

While the buildings will be restricted from the public, county services and operations will continue to be provided to the community on the same schedule, through both phone and email. Some services can 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 www.kanabeccounty.org or your call can be directed by calling the Coordinator’s Office at (320) 679-6440.

Kanabec County will continue to post information related to this closure, announcements, and other helpful information on the website at www.kanabeccounty.org. Remember! The best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are to practice:

Healthy hygiene:

- Wash your hands often and thoroughly
- Cover your cough and sneezes.
- Toss the tissue and wash your hands again,
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

By staying home when you’re sick.

Social distancing:

- Keeping at least 6 feet (2 meters) from others.
- Postpone or cancel gatherings of 10 or more people
- Be aware of your surroundings
Being a good community member:

- Identify family, friends, and neighbors who may be feeling alone and contact them by phone to provide some companionship or ask if they have their needs met to safely stay in their home.