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WAUKESHA COUNTY EXECUTIVE PAUL FARROW ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SENIOR DINING FACILITIES

County steps up efforts to assist most vulnerable citizens

(WAUKESHA, WI) – Today, Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow announced the closure of the county senior dining facilities while stepping up efforts to care for the county’s most vulnerable citizens in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak.

“Waukesha County continues to address the critical needs of seniors and adults with disabilities during the COVID-19 outbreak. In order to discourage our older adults gathering in a community setting we will be closing senior dining centers located throughout Waukesha County effective March 16th, 2020. Seniors who frequent these locations have been offered the option to receive a meal in their home if they do not have access to food,” said County Executive Farrow.

County staff who work at these senior dining locations have been provided information to share with the seniors, to include avoiding close contact with people who are sick; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth and to stay home when you are sick. Waukesha County will continue to provide home delivered meals to homebound individuals.

“Our county Aging and Disability Resource Center is limiting home visits, and recommending older adults avoid going out in the community. County nursing facilities and senior apartments have restricted visitors and have provided information to seniors living in those facilities. The goal is to reduce the exposure to protect our most vulnerable citizens or anyone who may have come in contact with COVID-19.”

During this public health crisis, residents can simply call 2-1-1 or toll-free 1-866-211-3380 to receive general information about COVID-19 and recommendations from local, state and national health organizations.

Continued updates about Waukesha County’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic may be found on the county’s website www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19 and on social media accounts. You may follow County Executive Farrow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CountyExecutivePaulFarrow/ and on Twitter @WaukeshaCoExec.

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