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DATE: March 17, 2020

TO: WHPS Staff, City of Independence, City of Maple Plain

FROM: Chief Gary Kroells 

SUBJECT: COVID-19

West Hennepin Public Safety Department will continue to provide public safety services 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Our emergency services with police, fire, and Emergency Medical Services will not change regarding the safety of our citizens. Emergency response will continue, and non-emergency responses will be triaged to limit contact when reasonable. I would ask our residents to be patient and understanding during this time. We still are allowing walk-in services, however: we would ask our residents to handle all non-emergency matters by calling our office at (763) 479-0500 versus responding to our office. Burn permits and other minor permits will be issued by phone. Civil fingerprint details for any purpose have been suspended at this time.

Minnesota Governor Walz declared all bars and restaurants to be closed to in-service dining and gatherings today March 17, 2020 at 5:00 pm. through 5 pm on March 27. To support our local bars and restaurants you still have the option of drive through and take-out delivery. Orders should be sealed by restaurants in tamper-resistant packaging. For the safety of delivery personnel and customers "contactless" delivery allowing no face-to-face contact should occur. Payment should be made digitally whenever possible. Orders should be dropped off at a designated spot with no face-to-face contact less than 6 feet.

We are recommending our citizens follow the guidelines of the Mn Department of Health and the CDC to protect themselves and loved one from getting exposed to COVID-19. Please refer to these websites for additional information:

CDC website is: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Minnesota Department of Health: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/>

Updated information will be posted on each city's websites and Facebook pages.

Together we will work through this emergency as we have done some many times in the past. Stay Strong, Be patient, Keep updated, and stop the spread of COVID-19 by doing your part.