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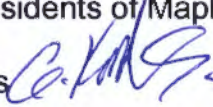
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TO: WHPS Staff and Residents of Maple plain and Independence

FROM: Chief Gary Kroells 

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Code Red Message

West Hennepin Public Police Chief Gary Kroells who represents the City of Maple Plain and City of Independence as their Emergency Management Director. We understand this is a difficult and confusing time with COVID-19 pandemic. I want to share with you some guidelines regarding COVID-19 response plan is being implemented by our agencies. We are following the guidelines of the CDC and the MN Department of Health regarding 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/>

The current guidelines from the MN Department of Health recommends postpone or cancelling any event where 50 or more people would gather. Areas involving people of high-risk people should be limited to 10 people attending each event. We are recommending our citizens follow these guidelines to protect themselves and loved one from getting exposed to COVID-19.

West Hennepin Public Safety Department will continue to provide public safety services 24 hours a day 7 days a week. I would ask our residents to be patient and understanding regarding non-emergency incidents. Our emergency services with police, fire, and Emergency Medical Services will not change regarding the safety of our citizens.

The City of Maple Plain and Independence have closed their window services to residents at this time. Staff are working but are limiting unnecessary contact at city hall. Maple Plain residences can call (763) 479-0515 for services and City of Independence residents can call (763) 479-0527 for city services.

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.