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## Urgent News Release #1

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### **RICHLAND COUNTY CONGREGATE SENIOR MEAL SITES CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

*Richland Center, WI:* On March 12<sup>th</sup> Governor Evers declared a public health emergency in Wisconsin due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Because of the current health concerns and the need to limit exposure and the spread of COVID, as well as influenza and other upper respiratory illness, Richland County Health & Human Services will be closing down all congregate senior meal sites until further notice. Home-delivered meals will continue as scheduled and can be offered as an option for those in need. Requests for home-delivered meals can be made by contacting the Richland County Health & Human Services Senior Nutrition Program at (608) 649-5937.

Local officials continue to monitor the public health emergency, and will offer a decision about re-opening the congregate senior meal sites when there are no longer health concerns for the public.

Please visit the Richland County website at [www.co.richland.wi.us](http://www.co.richland.wi.us) for more information regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19).

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