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## Urgent News Release #7

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### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

*Richland Center, WI:* In an effort to support Governor Tony Evers Stay-At-Home Executive Order #94 issued earlier this week, Health and Human Services and the Community Services Building will close to the public at the end of the business day Friday, November 13th until further notice. The decision was made this afternoon under the advisement of Public Health Manager/Local Health Officer Rose Kohout, due to the increasing cases of COVID-19 in the state of Wisconsin, local spike in new cases and hospitalizations, and critical staffing levels within the department.

Although office and lobby services are suspended, other services will continue to be provided via telephone, video-chat, telehealth, and in-person meetings in the community when appropriate. Clients and members of the public may continue to call 608-647-8821 for assistance and inquiries. Individuals are encouraged to use the drop box just outside the main front door to drop off documents for staff to process.

This action is being taken to minimize the exposure and spread of the virus in order to keep our staff, clients, and members of the community safe. Citizens are encouraged to check out the Richland County COVID-19 Dashboard which offers helpful data to better understand the impact of the pandemic globally and locally: <https://covid.co.richland.wi.us/2020/04/21/richland-county-covid-19-dashboard/>. For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information, follow Richland County Health & Human Services on Facebook or consult the following websites:

- ❖ Richland County:  
<https://covid.co.richland.wi.us>
- ❖ University of Wisconsin – Platteville Richland  
<https://www.uwplatt.edu/news/update-coronavirus>
- ❖ The Greater Richland Area Chamber of Commerce  
[www.gorcchamber.com](http://www.gorcchamber.com)
- ❖ Wisconsin Department of Health Services:  
[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19)
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/)