



Fond du Lac County

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Fond du Lac County strongly encourages tourists to postpone travel plans

[Fond du Lac County] – Local officials are encouraging tourists not to visit Fond du Lac County during the public health emergency declared by County Executive Allen Buechel on March 13, 2020, as the county attempts to meet the demands of the spread of COVID-19. Over the past several weeks, the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, has raised health concerns around the world, and Fond du Lac County is no exception.

Fond du Lac County Public Health, and its partners in Emergency Management and local elected officials, all stand behind this recommendation with the ultimate goal of providing the safest public health environment possible in Fond du Lac County.

The county is asking lodging entities to consider reducing the risk to our neighbors by not accepting new reservations and cancelling those that exist to encourage people to temporarily not travel to the area. If you have a second home in Fond du Lac County, we encourage you to stay in your primary residence until the declared public health emergency is over. The sooner we address this issue in Fond du Lac County, the sooner we can get back to welcoming guests to our community.

Fond du Lac County has well trained and capable medical personnel, but staffing is limited and stretched thin during the emergency. The county makes this statement in hopes of limiting the demands placed on local hospitals, emergency personnel, nurses and doctors. The limited hospitals in our area should be of great concern to anyone over age 60, those with underlying health conditions or those who are immunocompromised. That is why we are urging you to stay home during the public health emergency.

Please follow the Fond du Lac County website for updates related to the COVID-19 pandemic @ www.fdlco.wi.gov. #SaferAtHome.