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Media Alert

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City of Rochester Supports Governor Walz Recommendations for Community Protection Measures

What: The health and safety of all teammates and our entire community continue to be the City of Rochester's top priority. On March 13, 2020, Governor Walz, along with Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm, announced that there are now 14 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Minnesota. While there is no evidence of community transmission at this time, Commissioner Malcolm announced a series of community-level strategies to both slow down and spread out the impact of COVID in Minnesota.

Details: Based on the guidance provided by Governor Walz, Commissioner Malcolm and the Minnesota Department of Health, the following actions are being implemented immediately and effective until April 30, 2020 or until otherwise announced. The goal of these Community Mitigation Measures is to reduce person-to-person contact and ultimately spread of the disease.

City of Rochester Organizational Actions:

- Riverside Concerts
 - The Gaëlle Wondje World Music concert scheduled for March 20, 2020 has been postponed.
- Rochester Public Library
 - The library continues to stay open.
 - All library programs are cancelled until further notice.
 - The library Bookmobile service is suspended until further notice.
 - Library due dates have been extended. All items checked out are currently not due until at least April 30, 2020.
- Parks & Recreation
 - Graham Arena, the National Volleyball Center and the Recreation Center (does not include 125 Live space) will be closed beginning March 14, 2020.
 - AccessABLE Recreation activities have been cancelled.
- Partner Organizations
 - The Rochester Civic Theatre has cancelled all shows.

- 125 Live will continue to remain open and will be taking various precautions and steps in the coming days.
- The Mayo Civic Center/Experience Rochester will continue to remain open and work with those holding events and activities in the space to best follow the guidance of the Minnesota Department of Health.
- Quarry Hill Nature Center will close the nature center starting March 14, 2020.

We continue to work closely with our community partners, including the lead local agency, [Olmsted County Public Health](#). The latest City news and information regarding COVID-19 can be found by visiting the [City webpage](#).

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