

PUBLIC STATEMENT

PRAIRIE FIVE ANNOUNCES UPDATED CHANGES TO OPERATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, and with a deep concern for employee and public health, we are announcing **UPDATED** changes to Prairie Five Community Action Agency operations. We have made the extremely difficult decision to continue to temporarily close all our offices in the counties of Lac qui Parle, Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Swift and Big Stone through **May 3, 2020**. Please see below for specific Program related updates.

- ✚ **SENIOR MEALS:** Congregate Dining Sites remain closed. **Frozen/Shelf Stable Meals:** Emergency Meals call: (320) 226-6174.
- ✚ **TELE-INFORMATION FOR OLDER ADULTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS:** Seniors who have questions or concerns, can call 320-226-8861 during normal business hours.
- ✚ **CLOTHING CENTERS:** Remain closed.
- ✚ **EMERGENCY SHELTER:** (320) 269-1218.
- ✚ **FOOD SHELVES:** Emergency Food call: (320) 226-8775.
- ✚ **MNSURE:** MNSURE offering special enrollment period through April 21– coverage will start Wednesday, April 1, 2020 (If you enroll after April 1 and by 11:59 on April 21, your coverage will have a retroactive start date April 1.) (320) 226-8775 for more information.
- ✚ **ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** All households to contact us via telephone at (320) 226-9769. If you are having a heating emergency and have not applied for the program, applications are available at www.prairiefive.org, these can be faxed to 1-844-273-2097. If you are ill and are facing an emergency, please contact your utility company via telephone to work on a payment plan to avoid a shut off.
- ✚ **HEAD START and EARLY HEAD START:** Closed until May 4, 2020.
- ✚ **TRANSPORTATION:** Messages will be monitored at (877) 757-4337. For emergency medical transportation call 911.
- ✚ **WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM AND HOUSING REPAIR PROGRAMS:** Staff will be checking emails and calls and responding as needed. Call: (320) 269-6578.
- ✚ **CHILD CARE AWARE:** All trainings are canceled through April 30, 2020. Staff will continue to check email and respond as needed. Updates will be posted on FB (Child Care Aware West Central and CCA Website (childcareawarewc.org)). **EARLY LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS:** Staff will continue to check email and respond as needed.

Prairie Five remains committed to providing emergency assistance related to our programs if needed. We will continue to evaluate the situation as it evolves and will keep you updated. THANK YOU!!