

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 18, 2020**

Grand Forks, ND – Effective immediately, by order of the Grand Forks County Commission, public access to Grand Forks County departments will be closed to the public in the ongoing effort to slow the spread of the Coronavirus, or COVID-19, and protect the health and well-being of the community. The Grand Forks County Office Building will remain open as State of North Dakota services will still be available to the public.

County administration is working to ensure continuity of essential services while encouraging safety of residents and County employees. Proactive social distancing policies have been implemented in all departments. Also, the County has suspended most in-person meetings and is reducing attendance to under 10 people for those necessary.

Please contact the appropriate County department for County services and questions.

The public is asked to rely on local and state public health official websites for the most accurate and current information:

[www.grandforksgov.com/coronavirus](http://www.grandforksgov.com/coronavirus) AND <https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus>.