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Don't Let Our Good Looks Fool You

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Lake County is beautiful, but please don't be deceived. COVID-19 has been here, is here, and will continue to be here for some time. Even though unnecessary travel continues to be strongly discouraged and the Governor's recommendation is to stay close to home, Lake County Health and Human Services is concerned about an influx of visitors this summer. The "big lake," our trails and state parks have room for many, but our medical facilities don't.

"Stay Safe MN applies to all of us no matter where we are in the state. While you're here, please respect our local residents and our limited resources by complying with the recommendations of the Governor and the Minnesota Department of Health," said Lisa Hanson, Director of Health and Human Services. "Like every community, we need to protect our frontline and essential workers and keep all our community members as healthy as possible."

Residents and visitors alike are asked to keep up the good work by continuing to follow basic mitigation strategies including:

- Wash your hands, cover your cough, and avoid touching shared surfaces.
- Enjoy the outdoors but stay six feet from people outside your family group.
- If you must go into stores or other businesses, disinfect your hands before entering, wear a mask, respect social distancing and avoid touching shared surfaces like counters and display items if possible. Pay attention to signs that may provide additional guidelines specific to each business.
- Limit gatherings to ten people or less and maintain social distance.
- Stay home if you're sick.

For more information and updates on COVID-19 in Lake County visit www.co.lake.mn.us.

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