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Visitors Welcome – Be Safe. Be Mindful.

May 28, 2020 – Lake County is pleased to welcome visitors as summer approaches, the school year comes to an end, and more of the community reopens. To protect everyone's health and safety and help make positive memories, Lake County encourages visitors to be vigilant with COVID-19 mitigation measures.

"We're all working to protect our community from the spread of COVID-19," said County Board Chair Rich Sve. "We welcome tourists and visitors to our beautiful part of the state, but ask that those who are coming to Lake County do so safely and be mindful of their actions to protect everyone. Obviously, if people are ill or experiencing symptoms, we respectfully ask that you wait until you're healthy to visit."

Rural parts of the state may have more at-risk residents and also have limited resources. Following are things you can do to ensure your trip is a good one, that your actions help stop the spread and protect others in our home communities.

Health & Safety Tips for everyone

- Maintain social distancing, stay six feet apart from people outside of your family group while indoors or while enjoying our beautiful outdoors.
- Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching shared surfaces and your face.
- Wear a facemask when you go out in public.
- If you develop a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, contact your medical provider, call St. Luke's hotline at 218-249-4200, or visit the free online COVID assessment tool.

"Thank you from everyone in Lake County. Together we can help each other stay safe," said Board Chair Sve.

For more information, links to Lake County offices or local resources, the MN Dept of Health, the Centers for Disease Control or World Health Organization, go to the Lake County's COVID-19 Hub at <u>www.co.lake.mn.us</u>.

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