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COUNTY EXECUTIVE WISNEFSKI DECLARES LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR ALL OF KENOSHA COUNTY

“Due to the recent heavy rains that have caused sporadic flooding throughout Kenosha County and the flooding of the Fox River in the Towns of Salem and Wheatland and the Village of Silver Lake, a Local State of Emergency is in effect for all of Kenosha County,” Stated Mark Wisnefski, Kenosha County Executive. “The flood waters can be extremely dangerous and cause a lot of damage; everyone should use extreme caution when they are in or near the flood waters.” Late Sunday night, Governor Jim Doyle also declared Kenosha County and 28 other Counties a State of Emergency.

All residents with storm or flood damages are asked to call Kenosha County Emergency Management’s Damage Hotline at 262-605-7926, to report their flood/storm damages. Kenosha and the other 28 Counties need to report all damages to WI Emergency Management in order to determine if the Governor will ask FEMA and the Small Business Administration to come to WI and tour the damages.

Residents with contaminated wells from floodwaters should have their wells tested before resuming use of their water. Floodwaters can contain bacteria and waste contaminants that threaten water supplies. Kenosha County Division of Health is making free well test kits available to residents whose wells have been contaminated by flood waters. The free well test kits are available from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the following locations:
Kenosha County Division of Health, Kenosha County Job Center, 8600 Sheridan Road, Suite 600, Kenosha, and Kenosha County Department of Human Services/Kenosha County Department of Planning and Development, Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th Street, Bristol.

As of 1:45 PM on Monday June 9th, the Fox River was at 13.69’ and is expected to crest at 14.3’ late morning/early afternoon on Tuesday June 10th and then drop below flood stage (10’ early next week. “When the flood waters get this high, swift currents may be present which will pose an extreme danger to residents and any First Responders whom may have to assist if an emergency arises. Residents who choose to remain in flooded areas, do so at their own risk,” Stated Ben Schliesman, Director, Kenosha County Emergency Management. “Residents needing assistance may contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-236-8680.”

As of 1 PM on Monday June 9th, the following roads were closed due to flooding:

- I94 N/B off ramp at 158
- CTH H between CTH L and STH 142
- CTH N between CTH S and I94
- CTH JS between CTH V and STH 45
- East Frontage Rd. between CTH K and STH 158
- Municipal Roads near or along the Fox River in the Towns of Salem and Wheatland and the Village of Silver Lake.

Residents who are in need of sandbags should contact their Municipality.