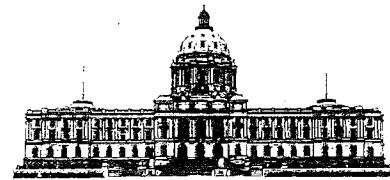


March 12, 2020



Senate

State of Minnesota

Fellow Senators and Senate staff,

The Governor has announced a 1 pm press conference tomorrow afternoon to announce additional mitigation efforts regarding coronavirus. We will provide additional information once it is available.

In the best interest of senators, staff, and the public, beginning Monday, March 16, we are planning to limit access to senate office suites and staff areas to the public as by appointment only. This means you will need to badge in and out of these areas during all hours. We request appointments be limited to no more than 2 guests in a senate office at a time (does not include staff). Larger groups may still be accommodated in certain public conference rooms, such as 3414 or G-250, or in the general areas of the building. Caucus conference rooms will remain for members and staff only.

At this time, conversations are on-going about managing committee agendas and meetings. These decisions are being made based on information and advice we have received from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. We know many of you have already taken measures to protect yourself and constituents. We encourage you to consider the advice from the CDC and MDH as you plan your schedule.

Please reach out to us with additional questions or concerns.

Finally, a statement was released to the media from all four leaders this evening. You can read the statement below.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Gazelka".

Paul Gazelka
Majority Leader

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Kent".

Susan Kent
Minority Leader

Statement from Legislative Leaders

St. Paul, Minnesota — House Speaker Melissa Hortman, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, and Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent released the following statement:

“The four legislative leaders are working closely together and will continue to be in conversation through the weekend about the agenda for the session and how to conduct legislative proceedings in light of COVID-19. No further decisions have been made regarding Capitol access or legislative activity at this time, and we will provide timely updates if there are any changes.”

