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SOME ERIE COUNTY BUILDINGS TO BE CLOSED APRIL 8 DUE TO ECLIPSE VISITORS IMPACT

ERIE, PA – In anticipation of the significant impact of visitors and traffic expected in downtown Erie and the surrounding region due to the upcoming total solar eclipse event on April 8, several County buildings and offices will be closed to the public on that day.

County Executive Brenton Davis announced that the following County buildings and offices will be affected:

Planning Department: **CLOSED** to the public
Veterans Services: **CLOSED** to the public
Health Department: **CLOSED** to the public
Courthouse: **CLOSED** to the public
Department of Human Services: **CLOSED** to the public
Office of Children & Youth: **CLOSED** to the public
Drug & Alcohol: **CLOSED** to the public
MHID: **CLOSED** to the public
Public Defender's Office: **CLOSED** to the public

Employees in these buildings are expected to either work from a remote location or use their own accrued vacation or personal time. It is up to the department head to monitor remote work assignments.

All essential, public-facing operations will work a normal schedule. This includes:

- Department of Public Safety
- Department of Corrections
- Edmund L. Thomas Center
- The Blasco Library and branches

“As we prepare for the upcoming eclipse event and anticipate a large influx of visitors into Erie County, I want to remind everyone to enjoy the eclipse safely. This is a unique opportunity to witness a natural phenomenon, but it is important to be mindful of the potential impact on our community. We encourage everyone to plan ahead, follow safety guidelines, and be respectful of others as we all experience this event together,” said Davis

Additionally, the voter registration deadline has been extended by one day from April 8 to April 9. Voters can drop off their voter registration forms outside the Erie County Courthouse in the ballot drop box, and staff members will ensure that your registration is processed.