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From the Emergency Management Office: Potential Upcoming Wisconsin River Conditions

Although much of their focus has been on COVID-19, Portage County and the Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division have continued to monitor flooding and other potential hazards. Checking in with the National Weather Service today provided us news indicating the Wisconsin River is expected to slowly fall through Friday morning. A cold front is expected to move across the region Friday afternoon and Friday night that will bring widespread rainfall of 0.25 inches to 0.50 inches. Using the best estimate of rainfall would indicate the River may rise about a foot late on April 5th (Sunday) into the morning of April 6th (Monday), which could bring the Wisconsin River near or slightly above flood stage again. Using the worst case rainfall scenario would indicate a 1 to 2 foot rise on the River level. Additional rainfall is expected during the first half of next week, which could delay the fall or the magnitude the River may fall.

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