

## **Press Release**

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### **Richland County Facing Another 2 Inches of Rain**

The National Weather Service is predicting more rainfall for Richland County. A flash flood watch is in effect from Wednesday morning through late Thursday night. Thunderstorms are capable of producing another 1 to 4 inches over the next few days. Richland County Emergency Management Director, Darin Gudgeon, advised local officials and EOC crews to prepare for another 2 inches of rain. Gudgeon stated that “the area could see nearly 2 inches of rain in less than 48 hours, which will obviously affect the area.” The Emergency Operations Center received reports that the Wisconsin River decreased 2 inches throughout the night and we will continue monitoring the levels.

Governor Doyle is planning to fly over the Viola, Readstown, and Gays Mills areas today. The main regions hit in Richland County include the communities of Viola, Buena Vista, Lone Rock, Gotham, Bloom City, Yuba, and Rockbridge. At this time, officials are monitoring the threat of potentially serious weather and the ground water that continues to rise in the Buena Vista area.

Richland County Emergency Management is deploying representatives to the Rockbridge, Bloom City, Yuba, and Woodstock areas to check on residents in those communities. Assistance continues in the Township of Buena Vista and beginning today in the Avoca area.

Richland County Health & Human Services is sending out Public Health Nurses, Mental Health Professionals, and Aging & Disability Resource Center staff today to the Viola area to assist with recovery efforts.

The Department of Corrections has deployed 4 strike teams into the Village of Viola today to assist with debris removal. Two DOC strike teams have also been deployed to Avoca and the Buena Vista Township to assist with sandbagging.

For up to date information, visit the Richland County website at [co.richland.wi.us](http://co.richland.wi.us).

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