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The Western Illinois Regional Council’s Clothing Center provides free, gently used clothing to people in need. [Jamie Roth/WIRC]

WIRC TAKING EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT CLIENTS & STAFF

Macomb, Illinois, July 6, 2020 – The Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) provides a wide range of social services to help people in need in western Illinois, including a food pantry and clothing center. Throughout the early stages of the pandemic, WIRC continued to provide many services virtually and by phone. Now that the State of Illinois has moved --MORE--
into Phase 4, the WIRC office is officially open to the public as of July 6; however, as the Coronavirus is an ongoing concern, extra precautions are being taken.

- All clients and visitors, including children, must wear a mask when entering the office. If someone does not have a mask, WIRC staff will provide one.
- Because waiting room space is limited due to social distancing requirements, parents are strongly encouraged to leave their children at home, if possible.
- Each person entering the office will have to check their temperature upon arrival and will be asked a few basic health screening questions.
- Face-to-face interactions will continue to be limited.

The clothing center is using the following safeguards due to it being a small, retail-like space: only three people can browse in the clothing center at one time, and each person has a 20-minute time limit. Appointments are strongly encouraged since walk-in slots may be limited, especially during busy times. Time slots for the clothing center can be reserved online at [http://wirpc.org/clothingcenter/](http://wirpc.org/clothingcenter/). Reservations must be requested at least 24 hours in advance.

WIRC apologizes for any inconvenience these precautions may cause, and want to emphasize they are being taken out of concern for the safety of clients and employees.

WIRC, located at 133 W. Jackson Street, Macomb, is a multi-faceted organization that provides community development and social services throughout several counties in western Illinois. For assistance with community development projects, call (309) 837-3941. To apply for social service programs, call the Community Action Agency department at (309) 837-2997.

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