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## **Building Procedures for the Wisconsin State Capitol Tuesday, March 1**

MADISON – The Department of Administration released information this morning on access to the Wisconsin State Capitol facility in Madison for Tuesday, March 1. These procedures balance the rights of visitors to assemble and exercise free speech with DOA's obligation to ensure safety and security, keep the facility clean and maintained, and allow Wisconsin government operations to continue.

Access to the Capitol will be open at 8 a.m. for visitors who wish to attend legislative hearings, appointments with legislators, legislative staff, or appointments with executive or judicial branch offices located in the Capitol facility. Visitors with appointments can enter at the King Street (east) entrance and will require confirmation of an appointment and escort to the office. Up to eight visitors can be escorted for a single appointment. Visitors attending hearings will be admitted until the hearing room's capacity is reached and will require escort to the hearing room by law enforcement officers.

Visitors without appointments can also enter at the King Street entrance, but may need to line up outside to be admitted on a one-to-one basis as other visitors leave the facility. These procedures are intended to keep the total number of Capitol visitors at a level that will allow state government to continue in a safe and secure environment.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (southeast) entrance on the ground floor level will be available for visitors with physical handicaps.

The administrative code prohibiting sleeping bags, blankets, pillows and animals (other than service animals) from being brought into the building remains in effect.

News media may enter the Capitol at the West Washington Avenue (southwest) entrance.

The Capitol will be closed to the public at 6 p.m. at the conclusion of the facility's normal operating hours or when official committees and legislative sessions are finished each day.

Capitol access procedures may be revised during the course of the day if the situation changes.