

Courthouse Access

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THE WORTH COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE WORTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF OF WORTH COUNTY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORTH COUNTY COMMISSION, HAS EVALUATED THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS. IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT THE EMPLOYEES AND THE CITIZENS OF WORTH COUNTY AND TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO THE VIRUS, THEY HAVE DETERMINED THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS WILL APPLY TO COURTHOUSE ACCESS:

1. ONLY PERSONS WITH ESSENTIAL MATTERS WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE COURTHOUSE. THOSE WITH MATTERS THAT CAN BE DELAYED OR POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE COURTHOUSE. ESSENTIAL MATTERS WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, WORK RELATED ISSUES THAT HAVE MANDATORY DEADLINES THAT ARE IMMINENT AND ESSENTIAL COURT PROCEEDINGS.

2. IN THE EVENT A PERSON DOES HAVE ESSENTIAL MATTERS WITHIN THE COURTHOUSE, PRIOR TO ENTRY, THE PERSON WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO A SCREENING THAT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

WITHIN THE LAST TWELVE DAYS HAVE YOU BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH A PERSON WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE COVID-19 VIRUS?

WITHIN THE LAST TWELVE DAYS HAVE YOU BEEN TESTED FOR THE COVID-19 VIRUS?

HAVE YOU SUFFERED FROM A FEVER IN THE LAST TWO DAYS?

HAVE YOU SUFFERED FROM A PERSISTENT COUGH IN THE LAST TWO DAYS?

HAVE YOU SUFFERED FROM SHORTNESS OF BREATH IN THE LAST TWO DAYS?

- B. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS IS YES, ADMISSION TO THE COURTHOUSE WILL BE DENIED.

3. REQUIRED TO HAVE YOUR TEMPERATURE TAKEN – IN THE EVENT A FEVER OF 100 DEGREES OR MORE IS INDICATED, ENTRY WILL BE DENIED.

IF ALLOWED ENTRY INTO THE COURTHOUSE THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS SHALL BE FOLLOWED:

- MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING OF AT LEAST 6 FEET, IF PRACTICABLE;
- COVERING MOUTH AND NOSE IF YOU COUGH OR SNEEZE; and
- UTILIZE HAND SANITIZER UPON ENTRY, IF AVAILABLE

4. ALL DELIVERIES TO THE COURTHOUSE WILL BE LEFT AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE WAY.

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THIS THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.