



RELEASE DATE:

March 24, 2020

Out of the abundance caution for the community and the employees of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), the DCSO have taken the below listed actions. The actions taken will ensure that the DCSO can perform our essential law enforcement functions to the citizens of Douglas County while at the same time ensure we aren't contributing to the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

•Main Office located at 3601 N. 156th Street

- Access to the main office is restricted.
- No public fingerprinting services until further notice.
- Applications for handgun purchase permits, along with typed instructions, can be picked up in the lobby vestibule and mailed back along with \$5.00 payment – None will be done in person.
- Ride-Along and facility tours are cancelled until further notice.
- Sex Offender registry is still taking place as scheduled.
- Citizens needing to retrieve property from the DCSO Property & Evidence Division must call 444-6824 to make an appointment.

•Douglas County Courthouse

- The DCSO is urging the public to limit visits to the Douglas County Courthouse and Omaha Douglas Civic Center to official and necessary business only.

•Forensic Services Bureau located at 15345 West Maple Road

- No job shadowing or lab tours until further notice.

•Title Inspection Division located at 8338 Chicago Street

- Motorists will be required to stay in their vehicles during inspection services.
- Motorists should only roll their vehicle windows down far enough to pass paperwork and payment to the Vehicle Inspectors.
- Credit and debit cards will not be taken until further notice – cash and checks only.

•Records and Civil Process Divisions located at 1616 Leavenworth Street

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•Uniform Patrol Services and 911 Calls for Service

- Effective March 25, 2020 at 6:00 am the Douglas County Sheriff's Office will temporarily suspend sending a deputy to every call for service. If a citizen calls 911 for a non-emergency, the 911 dispatcher will re-route the call to the new DCSO Telephone Report Line for service.

- **During certain calls for service, the public may be asked to meet the deputy outside of the residence. In addition, the calling party may be asked to wear a surgical mask during the interaction with the deputy.**

We really appreciate our community working closely with us as we deal with the Coronavirus pandemic. By working together, and following the instructions of our public health officials, we will successfully get through this public health emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.