

RICE COUNTY COURTHOUSE REOPEN PLAN

Rice County is continuing to take steps to minimize direct physical contact due to COVID-19. First, we strongly encourage citizens to maintain social distancing by using the County's online functions, mailing or emailing, or calling ahead for assistance. If possible, please do that and do not come into the courthouse.

The courthouse will be opened to the public beginning at 8 AM Monday, May 18, 2020. The public entrance, both for entering and leaving, will be on the south side of the courthouse. This is our handicap-accessible entrance. There will continue to be a dropbox inside, near that entrance, for those who do not wish to come further into the courthouse. There will be a sign with courthouse department phone numbers to call if you need assistance.

DO NOT COME IN IF YOU HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, ARE UNDER MANDATED QUARANTINE, OR IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL.

The Courthouse offices will be staffed and ready to respond to essential functions, but are taking measures to prevent direct physical contact between employees and the public requesting services. Please follow specific instructions at each office.

The treasurer's office will NOT be able to process driver's licenses yet, as the state is scheduling the rollout of that function. The extension of the deadline for driver's license and tag renewal is July 3rd.

Upon entering and leaving the building, we ask that you use the hand-sanitizer that is mounted on the wall next to the door.

We ask that you maintain 6 feet distance between people, and NOT gather in groups of 10 or more.

The courthouse public restrooms will be open, and we ask that you limit the occupants to no more than two at a time.

Your compliance with these guidelines will help us keep the courthouse open.