

COVID-19 Impact on County Operations Beginning April 27, 2020

The Adams County Board of Commissioners issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency on March 18, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor's Office issued a Statewide Stay-At-Home Order beginning April 1, 2020 to prevent further spread of COVID-19 and to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on hospital resources. Following the Governor's Statewide Order on Wednesday, which is in effect through April 30, Adams County Government will continue its closure to the public through May 3, pending any change in state administrative guidelines.

County buildings are currently closed to the public, except for essential services and emergency Court hearings or filings. Staff is currently working on a modified schedule on a work- from- home basis. All essential services are being maintained according to the modified schedule, with telephone and email communications replacing in-person meetings and interactions.

In a County-wide communication on April 3rd, the Board announced that it would be examining several options for sustaining County operations in a fiscally prudent manner. Central to this examination is the balance between staff well-being, effectively providing critical services and the Board's fiduciary responsibility to Adams County taxpayers.

At this time, the Board is evaluating the implementation of temporary staff furloughs effective April 27, 2020, if the Statewide Stay-At-Home Order is extended and the closure of County and Court operations continue beyond May 3rd. The Board intends to announce specific information regarding departments and staff that will be impacted by any temporary furloughs by April 15th. All Adams County staff are a truly valued work force! It is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to ensure that that temporary furloughs, if enacted, do not negatively impact employee health and/or pension benefits. Also, you may already be aware that the Federal Government has announced programs to maintain and subsidize individual income.

It is with deep gratitude and respect that we recognize all the staff that continues to keep critical operations functioning. At this time Adams County has the lowest COVID-19 numbers in the region. Please continue to follow guidelines and precautions to stay safe and reduce the possibility of exposure and illness. As we navigate in these uncharted waters, thank you in advance for your attention to this important issue, and for your patience and understanding as we move forward.

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