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Arapahoe County closes county facilities to the public from March 17-27 due to COVID-19 concerns

*Employees expected to report to work Tuesday;
essential county services will continue during closure*

Littleton, CO—March 16, 2020—The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners has closed all county facilities to the public effective from Tuesday, March 17, 2020, through at least March 27, 2020. This closure is consistent with guidelines issued by the White House. There are number of [services available online](#); essential county operations will continue during this closure. The Board of County Commissioners will hold their regularly scheduled public hearing Tuesday and assess [future meetings](#) going forward.

The [18th Judicial District Court](#) will be closed on Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday, March 18, 2020 to determine future schedules and activities. More information will be posted at www.courts.state.co.us.

“Our top priority is the health and safety of the community,” said Commissioner Nancy N. Sharpe, chair of the board. “Because of the high volume of residents who use our facilities, we want to ensure we are doing our part to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 while still providing the essential services our community relies on.”

County employees are required to report to work as normally scheduled tomorrow. Going forward, county departments and offices will maintain reduced staffing levels to support essential county operations, while other employees will work from home.

On March 14, the Board of County Commissioners issued a [local emergency declaration](#) to unlock resources, organize county response strategies and provide additional assistance for municipalities that are dealing with COVID-19. The declaration allows the county to support the work of Tri-County Health in managing the health crisis.