

## \*\*\*Lincoln County Press Release\*\*\*

March 18<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Lincoln County Complexes Closed to Public

After long discussions and input from local, state, and federal authorities, the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners have ordered the Lincoln County Courthouse to be closed to personal transactions. This closure will start on March 18<sup>th</sup> and be reassessed at a Board of County Commissioners' Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the pandemic facing our Nation, PUBLIC ACCESS to the County Complex and Annex will be restricted to employees only. The County Government will remain operational for business, BY PHONE OR EMAIL ONLY.

## For Office Specific Information, See Below:

Commissioner meetings until April 7<sup>th</sup> have been cancelled. During the April 7<sup>th</sup>, meeting, the latest information will be assessed for further considerations.

Treasurer's Office will be available daily to assist anyone with their taxes by mail or online. To contact the Treasurer's Office please call (719) 743-2633.

The Public Health Office will not be open to the public after March 18th, 2020. WIC appointments for March 18th will resume as scheduled.

Lincoln County Landfill will remain operational and on normal hours.

As of now, the appointments made to use the Lincoln County Fairgrounds facilities will still be honored. It will be up to the individual organizations to cancel any reservations made to use Fairgrounds buildings with the Fairgrounds Manager.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office will be closing their Lobby for personal transactions and will not provide:

- -Concealed Handgun Permits (Renewals and New Applications) will be resumed in Mid-April
- -Fingerprinting Services of all types will be re-initiated in Mid-April
- -VIN Inspections will be resumed when appropriate
- -Jail Visitation has been cancelled but will be re-opened when safe to do so
- -All other operations will be handled as normal

The Department of Human Services wants to remind Lincoln County that if you suspect neglect or abuse to children or adults, please call the hotline at 1-844-CO4KIDS (1-844-264-5437).

Lincoln County Clerk/Recorder and Department of Motor Vehicles:

Staff of the Clerk and Recorder's office will be available to answer phones and conduct limited motor vehicle transactions (by phone only) on the following dates: March 20<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please leave a message at (719) 743-2444 and staff will respond when we are back in the office. You may continue to mail your motor vehicle renewal cards to P.O. Box 67, Hugo, CO 80821, along with payment (and proof of insurance if required-noted on your renewal card).

Residents can utilize our online services at <a href="https://www.myDMVColorado.go">www.myDMVColorado.go</a>, which allows for online renewal of license plates and driver's licenses. Restrictions may apply.

If submitting documents for recording, please use our e-recording vendors or the USPS. Check the county website at <a href="www.lincolncountyco.us">www.lincolncountyco.us</a> for e-recording information and vendors. We are unable to issue marriage licenses until we reopen.

Residents needing to register to vote or update information on their voter registrations can do so on the Secretary of State's website at <a href="https://www.govotecolorado.gove">www.govotecolorado.gove</a>

The Driver's Licenses Office is closed until further notice.

Lincoln County Combined Courts are also influenced by State Judicial Administrators, which have ordered the closure of the Courts until Thursday, March 19, 2020. Additional information will be shared when it becomes available. If you have questions, please call (719) 743-2455.

This decision was not easily reached and will undoubtedly cause disruption to Lincoln County, but the safety of the Lincoln County Employees and the Community at large is the primary focus of our elected officials. If there is any questions or concerns regarding media outreach, please contact the Lincoln County Public Information Officer, Jacob Piper at (719) 743-2810