

IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

**IN THE MATTER OF RESTRICTED ACCESS
TO COUNTY FACILITIES TO PROTECT THE
HEALTH AND WELFARE OF COUNTY
EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC**

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (hereafter "COVID-19") is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms which may not immediately be known to an individual who is positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a new and significant outbreak has emerged internationally as well as in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (hereafter "CDC") has deemed it necessary to restrict or prohibit certain non-essential travel; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposal of the tissue immediately thereafter, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use of alcohol-based sanitizers in the event that soap and water are not immediately available and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 and found to be present in more than fifty (50) Counties in the State of Arkansas, with some of those cases resulting in death; and

FILED LAFAYETTE CO. LEWISVILLE, AR.
This 1st Day of April 2020
Maryna Horton
COUNTY AND PROBATE CLERK
BY: [Signature] D.C.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

WHEREAS, the CDC, Federal Government and State Government have recommended mitigation measures, including staying home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick and staying at home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or if instructed by health care officials; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Arkansas has directed that individuals do not gather in groups larger than ten (10) in number and has signed and requested a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Arkansas as a result of COVID-19, which has been submitted to President Trump; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has invoked Federal Emergency Powers related to COVID-19 and made Major Disaster Declarations for multiple States regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, multiple States, Counties and/or Municipalities have invoked "shelter in place" or other similar quarantine measures restricting travel due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has advised that individuals who have COVID-19 should remain isolated between seven (7) to fourteen (14) days once symptoms of the virus have resolved; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette County must ensure, as best as can reasonably be accomplished, the health and safety of County Employees and the public served by Lafayette County, and to provide for continued services by Lafayette County to the public. This Order is entered following consultation with health professionals and government officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANNY ORMAND, the duly elected County Judge for Lafayette County, Arkansas, by virtue of the authority legally vested in me, including Amendment 55, Section 3 of the Arkansas Constitution, as the Chief Executive of Lafayette County, promulgate the following Executive Order to take effect Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Public access to the Lafayette County Courthouse and the Lafayette County Detention Facility is restricted through April 30, 2020 to limit public exposure of to COVID-19 and to protect the safety, health and welfare of County employees.

Access to such buildings shall be restricted to County Employees, Court Employees and Elected Officials having offices in, or conducting business in the respective building.

Persons having business with the Circuit or District Courts should contact the Court to determine whether or not there appearance for any court date is required, as the County will work with the Courts to coordinate any such mandatory appearances and provide reasonable accommodation for the same.

Any business to be conducted at the Lafayette County Courthouse should be conducted digitally, by phone, email, online or video conference absent an emergency. Should it be necessary that an individual has to conduct in person business or transactions at the Lafayette County Courthouse that cannot wait until after April 30, 2020, the individual shall contact the appropriate office to schedule a meeting before attempting entry into the Lafayette County Courthouse so that reasonable safeguards can be made for the County Employees and the general public. Any individual travelling from outside of the State of Arkansas, especially from an area where COVID-19 is more prevalent, may be required to self-quarantine for up to fourteen (14) days before being allowed entry into the Courthouse. The County Judge and other elected officials shall take reasonable steps to safeguard employees from any individual coming into the Courthouse, including, but not limited to, taking the temperature of the individual prior to entry, the use of personal protective equipment and restricting access to certain portions of the building. Phone numbers and contact information for Courthouse Offices and Elected Officials can be found at www.lafayettecounty.arkansas.gov. Information regarding case filings can be found by utilizing the CourtConnect website at <http://caseinfo.arcourts.gov>. Deeds and real estate filings can be searched through Laredo, a subscription service, that can be accessed through www.fidlar.com; however, prior to setting up an account through Laredo, please contact the Lafayette County Circuit Clerk's Office for authorization.


Any business that is not time sensitive to be conducted at the Lafayette County Courthouse should be postponed until after April 30, 2020, if at all possible.

The Lafayette County monthly meeting of the Quorum Court scheduled for April 8, 2020 is canceled.

County Employees should report to their immediate supervisor regarding work schedules and whether or not the employee reports to their office, or works from home. Any County Employee who is sick or feeling ill, or has a household member who is sick or feeling ill should immediately contact their supervisor by phone before attempting to come to work. Any County Employee or other individual running a fever over 99.6 degrees will not be permitted entry into the Courthouse. All County Employees are encouraged to practice proper personal hygiene, including, but not limited to, frequently washing their hands and practicing social distancing.

These Orders may be modified or extended as additional facts and information become available regarding the COVID-19 virus.

DATED this 1 day of APRIL, 2020.



Danny Ormand, Lafayette County Judge