



March 17, 2020

O'Brien County Residents,

The Iowa Department of Public Health has now confirmed the existence of substantial community spread of COVID-19 in the State. While there are no confirmed cases within O'Brien County, this remains a very fluid situation.

In response to these factors, the O'Brien County Board of Supervisors are encouraging all residents to use online resources and telephone calls to County Offices rather than in-person visits to any of the O'Brien County Government buildings. The reasons for this are two-fold. First, IDPH and the CDC are strongly encouraging all Citizens to exercise "social distancing" to slow the spread of this infection in communities. Second, IDPH and CDC have identified public spaces and group gatherings as potential transmission points for COVID-19. The O'Brien County Board of Supervisors believe that the safety of all O'Brien County residents as well as O'Brien County staff should be first priority.

**Effective at 4:30 pm March 17, 2020 the O'Brien County Courthouse will be closed to foot traffic only. All offices will remain staffed. There will be a drop box inside the east door of the building for your use. The box will be monitored and its contents will be emptied several times daily. The Clerk of Courts Office will remain staffed, and all court services will be controlled by the Clerk of Courts Office. Please use the following number to reach the Clerk of Courts Office: 957-3255**

**Emergency appointments can be setup with departments as needed.**

There is business that can be conducted with O'Brien County online. For a full list of services available to you online please visit: [www.obriencounty.org](http://www.obriencounty.org)

If you are filing papers for the June 2 Primary Election and/or November 3 General Election, please call 712-957-3225, and the Auditor's Office will provide directions to you in order to receive the paperwork for the March 20, 2020 and March 25, 2020 deadlines. Citizens are also encouraged to conduct business via email, mail, fax, or online when possible.

If you are unable to complete your business online, please feel free to contact any of our County Offices via telephone and staff will be happy to assist you.

#### **O'Brien County Office Directory:**

Assessor: 957-3205

Auditor: 957-3225

General Relief: 957-5985

County Attorney: 957-3375

Conservation: 295-7200

Emergency Management: 757-4305

Veteran's Affairs: 957-0031

Engineer: 957-3425

Recorder: 957-3045

Public Health: 957-0105

Env Health: 957-0105

Sheriff: 757-3415

Treasurer: 957-3210

Clerk of Courts: 957-3255