



ORANGE COUNTY TEXAS

Press Release

March 17, 2020

After a meeting with Orange County Department Heads and Elected Officials, the County Offices will remain open and have implemented procedures to stay open but in a safe manner in accordance with CDC advisement in reference to the Coronavirus. Below are some of the specific changes that citizens need to be aware of.

Orange County District Courts and County Court at Law Court Judges have suspended jury trials through April 30, 2020. Only emergency type hearings will be heard. To minimize walk in traffic to offices, the Judges are urging attorneys and/or citizens to call or email their offices with questions or concerns. See contact information below:

128th Court, Judge Courtney Arkeen – 882-7085 email: ldubois@co.orange.tx.us

163rd Court, Judge Dennis Powell – 409-882-7090 email: jfleming@co.orange.tx.us

260th Court, Judge Steve Parkhurst – 409-882-7095 email: glebouff@co.orange.tx.us

County Court at Law, Judge Mandy White-Rogers – 409-882-7084 email: jmyers@co.orange.tx.us

County Court at Law #2, Judge Troy Johnson – 409-882-4140 email: jdeason@co.orange.tx.us

Justice of the Peace offices will also suspend jury trials. To minimize walk in traffic to offices the Judges are urging attorneys and/or citizen to call or email their offices with questions or concerns. See contact information below:

Justice of the Peace #1 Judge Herschel Stagner – 409-882-7800 email: kabbott@co.orange.tx.us

Justice of the Peace #2 Judge Chad Jenkins – 409-882-7805 email: whelton@co.orange.tx.us

Justice of the Peace #3 Judge Joy Duboise-Simonton – 409-882-5310 email: acain@co.orange.tx.us

Justice of the Peace #4 Judge Rodney Price – 409-769-2284 email: sholcombe@co.orange.tx.us

The Orange County Sheriff's Office has cancelled all inmate visitation in the Orange County Jail to help eliminate exposure. Attorney visits are still allowed. Outside inmate work crews have been cancelled and inmates will remain in the jail. The Orange County Judges and the Sheriff and his staff are working together to maintain a safe environment for employees and inmates.

The County Office will continue operating at their normal business hours as of now and will monitor the situation and adjust as needed. Citizens are encouraged to phone and email departments to minimize the walk in traffic to the offices. Phone numbers and emails can be found on our County website at www.co.orange.tx.us