

**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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In an effort to follow recommendations of National and State leaders, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Public Health officials, Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-11, Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-2, Eaton County and its Trial Courts are dedicated to the efforts to slow the spread of the COVID-19. Our top priority is the health and safety of the public and our employees.

In an abundance of caution and in an effort to limit exposure and protect the health and safety of the public and our employees, effective March 23, 2020, Eaton County Government facilities and Trial Court will remain closed to the public with limited essential services by appointment. Facilities and the Trial Court will be available for appointments Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to access County services via email, the County website [www.eatoncounty.org](http://www.eatoncounty.org) or phone. A complete listing of County phone numbers is available on the website. Please call before coming to a County facility.

The Sheriff's Office will continue to be fully staffed, however, if you have business at the Jail, please call 517-543-3512. Central Dispatch/9-1-1 and Emergency Management will also continue to be fully staffed.

We are continually monitoring the situation and will provide updated information on our website as it becomes available.

We appreciate the cooperation of the public during this challenging time. Please follow the guidelines of the CDC, the Public Health Department, and State and National leaders.

We must all do our part in mitigating the risk of spreading COVID-19, please follow these basic measures:

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not an option.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and then dispose of the tissue.

Avoid shaking hands.

Avoid contact with sick people.

Stay home if you are sick.

If you believe you are experiencing symptoms of the virus contact your medical professional.

Additional recommendations include limiting non-essential travel and gatherings or meetings of 10 people or more.

Please check on your friends, family and neighbors. This is a challenging time but together we will come through it.

For questions, please contact John Fuentes, Controller/Administrator at 517-543-2122.