

MESSAGE FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

March 20, 2020

As the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 are felt throughout the United States, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners continues to find deliberate ways of keeping both the residents and employees of Franklin County as safe as possible. Therefore, effective immediately and pursuant to Resolution 0181-20 and a prior opinion of the Office of the Attorney General [2015 Ohio Op. Atty. Gen. No. 2015-027 (Ohio A.G.), 2015 WL 5193397], and in consultation with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, **County Administrator Kenneth N. Wilson has ordered the closure of all non-essential government functions at all county government complexes in Franklin County.**

With respect to access to the court system: It is important to note that the board of commissioners **does not** have authority to close portions of a courthouse that are occupied by or are necessary to the efficient operations of the courts. **Please refer to each court's own orders regarding continuing operations posted on their website or at the numbers listed below.**

- *Court of Appeals* (10th District Court of Appeals): <https://tenthdistrictcourt.org>; (614) 525-3580
- *Court of Common Pleas – General Division*: www.fccourts.org; (614) 525-3454
- *Court of Common Pleas – Domestic Relations/Juvenile Division*: <https://drj.fccourts.org>; (614) 525-3628
- *Municipal Court*: www.fcmcclerk.com; (614) 645-8214
- *Probate Court*: <https://probate.franklincountyohio.gov>; (614) 525-3894
- *Clerks of Court*

However, all other offices within Franklin County government complexes are hereby closed to the public. Core functions of each agency will continue, and each agency will determine necessary staff that will be physically present at government complexes and those who will be able to telecommute.

Note that, for instance, Franklin County Job and Family Services, the Office on Aging, and Child Support Enforcement will maintain limited public hours to ensure that critical functions are being maintained. Drop-boxes will be utilized whenever possible.

Only members of the public who are present for purposes of the court system will be allowed entry. Thank you for your understanding during

these challenging and difficult times. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners remain committed to the safety and well-being of all residents in Franklin County.

Additional guidance will be issued as necessary.