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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

In conjunction with the ongoing efforts to mitigate the transmission and risks relating to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), St. Joseph County will be closing to the public all county departments within the Historic Courthouse and Annex 2 until further notice. The Courts in the New Courts Building will remain open at this time, however we ask that all visits to that building be limited to essential business. You will want to call ahead to ensure your business will still be taking place. Closures will be evaluated regularly and adjusted accordingly, and affects only the below departments.

County Administration
County Clerk and Register of Deeds
Treasurer's Office
Equalization
Veterans Services
MSU Extension
Drain Office
Parks and Recreation
GIS

Non-essential meetings in spaces within the Historic Courthouse and New Courts Buildings are also suspended. Please follow up with meeting organizers if you need information about which meetings will continue.

Most of the services provided by the above departments can be accomplished online, by phone, or email. Departments will still be staffed during regular business hours. Please check individual department websites for additional information on hours of operation. Our goal is to make these changes with the least amount of disruption to services.

This decision was the result of ongoing discussions with local health officials and emergency management, out of concern for the safety and security of St. Joseph County's population.

We appreciate your patience and willingness to help take proactive steps during this situation.

For current and up-to-date information regarding the Coronavirus visit <http://www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus> or <http://www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus>. For local health questions or concerns, contact the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency at 269-273-2161.

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