News Release

Washington County Commission Office

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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Washington County

Washington County, Utah – In an effort to minimize impacts and keep the citizens in Washington County safe and to adhere to the event and programming guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the following practices will be enforced beginning March 17, 2020 and will be re-evaluated April 6, 2020.

County Departments/Offices will continue to remain open while practicing social distancing. Public meetings will follow the CDC guidelines and all gatherings of 50 people and more will be cancelled. We encourage the public to view meetings online or on the Community Education Chanel. Public Hearings have been suspended.

Council on Aging (aka Senior Centers) are closing. The Meals-on-Wheels (MOW) program for all three (3) centers will continue to run; however, the MOW drivers will deliver meals at doorsteps and will not enter the residence. Rather than serve meals at the center, patrons may pick up frozen meals in the center parking lot during the usual meal times, to take home and heat. Patrons should call in and preorder the meal for the next day.

Dixie Center will follow the CDC guidelines and will not hold gatherings and events of 50 people and more.

Justice Court will follow guidelines issued by the Utah Supreme Court.

Legacy Park will follow the CDC guidelines, with their indoor facilities, and will not hold gatherings and events of 50 people and more. Outdoor events will be left up to the event organizers as to whether or not they will cancel, reschedule or modify their event.

Libraries will remain open with limited use. Due to the public schools shutting down, the County feels it important for adults and children to continue to have resources available. Libraries will remain open for patrons to check out books, but the public should not remain at the library after doing so. In addition, the libraries will suspend all programs and computer use. Meetings in the library community areas are cancelled.

Sheriff's Office will follow the policy from the Purgatory Correctional Facility Disease Committee.

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