

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

Resolution No. CE 20-16
Related To Temporarily Limiting Access To
County Buildings and Offices

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared Washington State to be in a state of emergency due to the existence of a novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, epidemic within the state; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners ("Board") declared a state of emergency in Douglas County due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board has broad authority as to hours and operation of County buildings, particularly when "overtaken by a calamity." RCW 36.40.180; 36.16.100; 36.32.120(7); and

WHEREAS, the severity of the situation demands that the Board take measures to protect the public and county employees from further transmission of COVID-19 in Douglas County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Commissioners hereby limits access by the general public to all restricted buildings. Apart from the following two exceptions, the general public is prohibited from entering county buildings and facilities beginning on March 19, 2020. The two exceptions are for (1) Those who have hearings or other court dates, and (2) Those who have business with various county offices or departments and have called those offices or departments to be advised on precisely how they are conducting business and are acting pursuant to said advise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Douglas County government is not closing or shutting down and that it will continue to provide government services. Offices and Departments are developing procedures to process transactions and provide functions and services without face-to-face interactions with the public so as to lessen the impact of the access limitation and the epidemic itself.

This Resolution shall remain in effect until otherwise determined by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.


Passed and adopted on this 18th day of March, 2020 at the Douglas County Public Services Building, 140 NW 19th St, East Wenatchee, Washington.



ATTEST: 
Tiana Rowland, Clerk of the Board

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