

TENESHIA HUDSPETH COUNTY CLERK Recording the Major Events of Your Life

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Harris County Clerk's Offices Moving Toward Full Operations After the State of Texas Ends Coronavirus Restrictions

(Houston, Texas) - Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth announces that all County Clerk's Offices will be moving toward full operations. This comes after Governor Greg Abbott issued an order that goes into effect on March 10 lifting the mask mandate in Texas and increasing the capacity of businesses and facilities in the state to 100 percent.

"I am concerned about the new ruling, but I hope that people will do the right thing to protect their health and the health of others," said Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth. "County administration is evaluating the order, but has given us initial guidance regarding general operations."

County facilities can and should continue to operate in their current manner with all safety protocols in place. All County guidelines regarding employee and public conduct at County facilities can and should continue to remain in place. A complete set of guidelines is <u>here</u>. All persons entering any County facility, including employees, contractors, and members of the public are required to:

- Wear a face covering (unless medically unable or under the age of 2);
- Submit to a temperature screening and successfully pass the screening;
- Maintain social distancing at all times within a County facility; and
- Comply with all other provisions established by the County.

Last summer, the Harris County Clerk's Office opened up most of its services to the public by appointment only, in addition to offering many services online, including electronic filing in real property, electronic filing in the courts (county civil and probate) and personal records.

"Our office will move forward with all previously set appointments, but will accept walk-ins as well, during normal business hours," added Hudspeth. "Customers without an appointment may have to wait as we will continue to follow social distancing and protective guidelines."

Appointments for marriage licenses, birth/death certificates, DBAs and real property recordings are still encouraged. To make an appointment, please go to <u>www.cclerk.hctx.net/Applications/AppointmentBooking</u> or call 713-274-8600 if you have any questions. For other County Clerk's Office services visit <u>www.cclerk.hctx.net</u>.

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