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Harris County Clerk Closing Main Office and Annexes to the Public Residents Encouraged to Use Online Services

(Houston, Texas) – The Harris County Clerk will close its main office and annexes to the public on the advice of county leadership as a measure to help contain and mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The closure will take effect Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and continue until further notice.

"We are actively monitoring government guidance and following protocols," said Harris County Clerk Diane Trautman. "The health and safety of both the public and our employees is our highest priority."

Employees will continue serving the public by email and phone, but residents are reminded that they can access most services online. Among these, electronic filing in real property, electronic filing in the courts (county, civil and probate) and personal records. Electronic filing for campaign and personal finance is also available online.

The Harris County Clerk's Office is currently working on a plan to continue to make voting accessible for the upcoming elections. This includes discussions with the Harris County Commissioners Court, the Texas Secretary of State, and several other governmental entities to make the plan feasible and timely.

"I can assure you our office will do all it can to make sure voters are able to cast a ballot in the elections they qualify to vote in," added Trautman. "Once the plan is ready it will be shared with the public."

Residents are encouraged to follow the Harris County Clerk on social media or visit <u>HarrisVotes.com</u> for updates and information.

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