

PRESS RELEASE

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White County Operations Update during COVID-19

White County remains under Governor Brian Kemp's statewide shelter in place order of April 2, 2020 and also several amendments that have been made to that resolution. The county is operating under the Statewide State of Emergency that runs through May 13, 2020. White County is providing COVID-19 information on its website, www.whitecounty.net, and also on the Emergency Management Facebook page.

As a precaution and to limit exposure from person to person contact, White County Government will continue to restrict access to facilities at least through April 30, 2020 when the statewide shelter in place order expires. White County will continue to provide services via phone, email, internet and mail. Employees will be available by these methods on a daily basis during normal business hours.

Below is a list of White County operations and their current operating status. Please understand that the COVID-19 pandemic is a very fluid situation that may call for a change of operations at any time.

20 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in White County according to Georgia Department of Public Health.

Function/Department	Operation Status and Contact Information
Administration	Board of Commissioners / Lobby closed to public / Call 706-865-2235
Animal Control	Closed to the public / responding to emergencies only / Call 706-219-2689
Building Inspections and Permits	Lobby closed to public / Call 706-865-6496 for information about permits and inspections
Code Enforcement	Call 706-865-6496
Clerk of Court	Office is open / Call 706-865-2613 for appointment Non-essential hearings and filings suspended until May 13 per Georgia Supreme Court judicial orders
Coroner	Call 706-200-6968
District Attorney	Call 706-865-3306
Elections	June 9 is local, state and presidential primary elections / Early Voting begins May 18 at the Mauney Building / Call 706-865-7812
Environmental Health	Lobby closed to public / Call 706-348-7698 for septic permits and inspections
Extension Office	Office closed to public, staffed Monday-Thursday. 4-H activities cancelled through May.
Fire Department/EMS	Access is limited at Fire Stations / Call 706-865-9500
GIS/Mapping	Lobby closed to public / Call 706-865-3911
Libraries	Closed to the public / Call 706-865-5572.
Magistrate Court	Operating under the Georgia Judicial Emergency Order / Call 706-865-6636
Parks and Recreation	Parks are closed / recreation activities suspended until April 30 / Call 706-865-5275.
Planning/Zoning	Lobby closed to public / Call 706-865-6768
Probate Court	Operating under the Georgia Judicial Emergency Order / Limited access for public / Call 706-865-4141

Public Safety/EMA	Lobby closed to public / Call 706-865-9500
Public Works/Roads	Lobby closed to public / Call 706-865-2510 / for driveway permits and to report road issues
Sr. Center	Closed to public / Meals still being delivered to seniors / Call 706-865-4097
Sheriff's office	Limited access to public / Call 706-865-5177
Tax Commissioner	Lobby closed to public / drive through services available 8-4:30 M-F / Call 706-865-2225
Trash/Solid Waste	Hulsey Road Convenience Center open Monday, Wednesday 9-5 and Saturday 8-4 / Call 706-865-7655 Transfer Station on Industrial Way open Monday-Saturday from 8-5 / Call 706-865-3716
Water Authority	Lobby closed to public / Call 706-865-0788
White County Schools	Closed through end of school year / on-line learning continues / providing weekday meals at Middle School from 11:30-12:30 / also delivering meals per schedule on website www.white.k12.ga.us
Welcome Center	Closed to public / Call 706-878-3842
City of Cleveland	City Hall lobby closed to public / Call 706-865-2017 / E-mail generalinfo@cityofclevelandga.org
City of Helen	City Hall lobby closed to public / Call 706-878-2733 / E-mail info@cityofhelen.org

For more information concerning this press release contact the White County Emergency Management Agency at 706-865-9500.