

## Turner County Government March 20, 2020

### COVID-19 Coronavirus Status Report on County SOE Day 8

- Threat to Staff or Public-Condition as it exist at Present
- **Mitigation Effort being taken by County or Staff**

### DEPARTMENTS WITH POTENTIALLY HIGHEST EXPOSURE RISK TO EMPLOYEES

#### A. Emergency Medical Services

- Direct contact with patients exhibiting symptoms; close working environment; shared living quarters.
- **MITIGATION: All Stations/EMS on lockdown. To reduce potential contamination, no unauthorized person may enter. Staff personnel are routinely practicing decontamination procedures after every interaction. Mask are worn on dispatched on a call for patients with “flu” like symptoms. Staff Screening protocols enacted**

#### B. Sheriff's Office

- Random contact and interactions with citizens; jail population in shared living environment.
- **MITIGATION: Limited Public Access to building with one point of Entry. Decontamination procedures enacted after every contact. Jail inmate contact has been suspended with greater isolation to prevent introduction of virus to jail environment; heavy cleaning and sanitizing daily. Staff Screening Protocols enacted**

#### C. E-911

- Employees share a closed environment, including hard surfaces and equipment, working in shifts together.
- **MITIGATION: Restricted Contact, Single point of entry and exit. Decontamination protocols enacted after any contact with staff. Patient Pre-Screening Protocols Enacted**

#### D. Tax Commissioner

- Highest level of daily random contacts with public
- Money handling
- **MITIGATION: Employees working all posts as normal. (Recommending use of sanitizer and hand washing after each contact) Front plex glass windows have been installed to reduce open air exchange.**

### II. Identification of Departments: Greatest Potential Risk to Citizens

#### **A. Parks and Recreation**

- **CONCERNS:** Shared Citizen environments such as sports venues; mass gatherings; children and youth

frequently share equipment with each other; multiple internal spaces that can harbor infectious germs

- **MITIGATION:** **Staff is working maintenance and netting issue deep cleaning of all facilities .All Recreation Programs postponed until further notice, including rentals of space.**

#### **D. Administration Building**

- High risk d days; multiple public interactions within public spaces such as bathrooms, common areas; heavier than usual citizen use.

- **MITIGATION:** **Annex is now limiting public contact with staff. Employees working all posts as normal. Decontamination protocols are being followed each contact.**

### **III. Identification of Critical Government Functions in Event of Shutdown**

#### **A. Public Safety**

- **911 Dispatch (Staffing Normal)**
- **Fire-Ambulance (Staffing Normal)**
- **Sheriff's Office (Staffing Normal)**

#### **B. Public Works**

- **Safety and Functionality of Transportation Roads (Maintenance may be deferred to focus on safety issues)**
- **Office restricted public access, office staff on premises handling phone request and business electronically.**

#### **C. Administration of Government**

- **Administration Functions, Payroll, Benefits (Normal)**
- **Paying Bills & Purchasing of Needed Goods and Services (Normal)**
- **Daily updates to BOC**

### **IV. School & Daycare Closure Impacts**

#### **A. School System**

- **Local System is closed until March 31, 2020.**
- **Closures are impacting County employees who don't have other childcare options. The County is working to accommodate issues on an individual basis for now.**

- All extracurricular school activities have been halted until further notice.
- Currently in daily contact with School Superintendent; resource sharing is ongoing.

#### **B. Daycare Centers**

- Potential closures can impact several employees with small children; older parents may not can help)
- Monitoring Situation

### **V. Judiciary (State of Emergency Declared by State Supreme Court until April 13)**

#### **A. Superior Court**

- All Superior Court is suspended until further notice.
- Persons having an emergency must contact Superior Judge's Office
- Clerk of Court Office is now limiting physical contact with staff social distance barriers are in place; staff are operating normally.

#### **B. Probate Court**

- Emergency Matters by Appointment Only (Guardianships, Mental Health Issues)
- Essential Functions by Appointment Only (Marriage Licenses and Vital Records)
- Only persons necessary to the above matters will be allowed in office.
  - Firearms License applications are suspended until Fingerprints can be taken again.

#### **C. Magistrate Court**

- First Appearance Bond and Preliminary Hearings will be held when necessary.
- Judges still available for arrest and search warrants
- Offices will be limited to the public. Phone, Mail, E-Filing on Cases remain available.

### **VI. State of Emergency**

#### **A. Federal Government has issued State of Emergency**

#### **B. State Government has issued State of Emergency March 14, 2020**

### **VII. Commission Meeting Considerations**

- Upcoming Meetings

- **Called/Emergency Tele-Conference meeting March 19<sup>th</sup> or called meeting March 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **The March 31<sup>st</sup> , 2020 Work Session Meeting open for discussion pending developments.**
- **The April 7<sup>th</sup> , 2020 Regular Meeting also open for discussion pending developments.**

**Total Cases Statewide: 146, up from 121 yesterday. No confirmed cases in Turner County to date.**

**Surrounding county data indicates Dougherty and Lee with confirmed cases.**

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