

THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR
THE FORTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MICHIGAN
COUNTIES OF DICKINSON - IRON - MENOMINEE

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Iron Mountain, MI 49801



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DICKINSON COUNTY 41ST CIRCUIT COURT AND DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 19, 2020

Closed to the General Public Except for Essential Functions Involving Health
and Safety and Constitutional Rights

Iron Mountain, MI, March 19, 2020 – The Dickinson County 41st Circuit Court today announced that access to all courtrooms and other spaces in the Courthouse is now limited to no more than 10 persons, including staff, effective immediately. The Courthouse is closed to the general public except for essential functions involving health and safety and Constitutional rights. The Dickinson County Board unanimously supported this limited closure of the entire Courthouse building.

To confront this unprecedented public health crisis, the Michigan Supreme Court issued Administrative Order 2020-2, which highlights in specific detail essential functions. This order supersedes any previously issued Local Administrative Orders regarding the crisis.

“Courts statewide are taking this step in unison so that we send a clear message to the public that we are taking every possible step to stop the virus while continuing to provide essential services,” said Chief Judge Mary B. Barglind. “All Judges in the 41st Circuit and it’s staff are adjusting as quickly as possible to the crisis, and we appreciate the support of the public as we work to put more business online in the coming days.”

Essential functions include arraignments for in-custody defendants, review and determination of requests for search warrants and personal protection orders, certain child protective proceedings, and critical issues regarding child support and child custody, among others specified in the order. The new order also provides courts with additional flexibility to conduct business using technology such as video and telephone conferencing.

Dickinson County Sheriff's Office

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Effective March 17, 2020 the Dickinson County Sheriff's Office will be closed to the public until further notice in an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

With the presence of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in the United States, several agencies are implementing preventative measures. These measures are in place to help prevent the spread of this virus. As you may be aware, COVID-19 can be carried by individuals who show no symptoms, and thus be transmitted to others.

The Safety of our employees and inmate population is of the utmost importance. After careful consideration, we have decided to take the proactive steps listed below. These steps will remain in place until further notice. These measures will not affect the deputies in protecting the public or assisting the public.

1. The lobby to the Dickinson County Sheriff's Office / Correctional Center will be closed to the public until further notice. If you need assistance, please call:

Sheriff's Office - Non-Emergency Administrative Line (906) 774-6262

Correctional Center – (906) 774-6270

Emergencies – 911

2. The Sheriff's Office will not be processing background checks or pistol license applications until further notice. If you need a Permit to Purchase a firearm immediately, please make arrangements by calling Administrative Assistant Cheryl at (906) 774-6270.
3. Civil Process payments and request for papers to be served should be directed to Administrative Assistant Sue at (906) 774-6270 or mailed to:

Dickinson County Sheriff's Office – Civil Processer
P.O. Box 609
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

4. If you have any questions, please call one of our Administrative Assistants at (906) 774-6270. Please leave a message or email with Cheryl or Sue.

Administrative Assistant Cheryl Krasowski - cherylk@dickinsoncountymi.gov

Administrative Assistant Sue Ellis - sellis@dickinsoncountymi.gov

5. Non-emergency reports will be taken over the phone. The office will still respond to reports that need investigation. We will also continue to respond to all emergency calls as normal.
6. Dispatchers who receive calls from the public where a deputy is needed to respond will ask you if you or anyone in the household are exhibiting flu-like symptoms (which include fever, coughing or respiratory distress). They will also ask about recent travels you or anyone in your household may have taken. This will not prevent you from receiving law enforcement services, but will help deputies better prepare to assist you while keeping themselves protected.

7. As of March 17, 2020 all on-site inmate visitation will be suspended until further notice. Visitation will be limited to off-site visits only. These visits can be scheduled through the Securus app by installing Securus Mobile on your Smartphone or visiting www.securustech.net.
8. The Correctional Center will not allow any personal items to be dropped off in the office lobby until further notice.
9. All inmate programs have been suspended until further notice.
10. The Dickinson County Correctional Center lobby kiosk will not be available during this period. Commissary funds can be deposited via phone or web by calling 1-866-394-0490 or by visiting www.accesscorrections.com.
11. Inmate bonds can be paid by calling 1-888-604-7888 or visiting govpaynow.com. (Remote bail Code is a002er)The Correctional Center also accepts Cashier Checks as bond payments. These checks can be mailed to:

Dickinson County Correctional Center
P.O. Box 609
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

12. As of March 17, 2020 the Sheriff's Office Work Van is suspended until further notice.

Thank you for understanding and we are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause the citizens of Dickinson County. We believe this proactive measure is best to protect our employees, inmate population and the general public, and to keep the Sheriff's Office running in a proficient manner.

Sheriff Scott Rutter and I will continue to work with the State and County Health Department Officials to determine when this order can be lifted or any further action will be taken.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Lt. Jason S. Conery, Jail Administrator

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If you need to contact the **Dickinson County Prosecutors Office**, please call (906) 774-1294. The Prosecutors office will be available for phone calls M-F 8AM-4:30PM.

If you need to contact the **Dickinson County Friend of the Courts Office**, please call (906) 774-2833. The FOC office will be available for phone calls M-F 8AM-4:30PM

If you need to report to the **Dickinson County Probation/Parole Office**, please call (906) 774-1446. The Parole office will be available for phone calls M-F 8AM-5PM.

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In the event of an emergency, please call 911

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Press Release

March 19, 2020-Dickinson County

Dickinson County values the well-being and health of our county employees and the public we serve. Safety is one of our main priorities.

As stated in earlier press releases Dickinson County has implemented safety protocols in regards to COVID-19 (the coronavirus). Dickinson County has implemented the following additional safety protocols and will go into effect as of March 20, 2020 at the start of the business day.

Dickinson County is in continuous contact with the Dickinson-Iron Health Department and the Dickinson County Emergency Management Team.

In order to protect our staff and the public, Dickinson County has taking the following additional protocols:

1. Limited access to the Dickinson County Courthouse and Veterans Affairs Department Office. All departments will be closed to the general public, only admittance will be by appointment only for business that cannot be handled via mail, email or phone or by extreme emergency determined by the Department Head. Additionally, Trial courts are ordered to limit access to courtrooms and other spaces to no more than 10 persons, including staff, and to practice social distancing and limit court activity to only essential functions. This protocol will stay in effect until further notice.
2. Screening all individuals entering the Courthouse. Individuals who are ill or have a fever at or in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit will be prohibited from advancing through the screening area. This protocol will remain in effect until further notice.

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Dickinson County Departments

District Court Probation.....	(906) 774-7522
County Treasurer.....	(906) 774-8130
Equalization.....	(906) 774-2515
County Controller.....	(906) 774-2573
County Clerk.....	(906) 774-0988
Register of Deeds.....	(906) 774-0955
Probate Court.....	(906) 774-1555
Circuit Court.....	(906) 774-2266
District Court.....	(906) 774-0506
Sheriff's Office.....	(906) 774-6262
Jail.....	(906) 774-6270
Friend of the Court.....	(906) 774-2833
Prosecutor.....	(906) 774-1294

The best prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold or COVID-19 is to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.

If the public does have any questions regarding COVID-19 please contact the Dickinson-Iron Health Department at 906-774-1868.

Dial 2-1-1 or visit: www.upcap.org for additional resources