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VAN BUREN COUNTY TO CLOSE COUNTY OFFICES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

PAW PAW, MI, MARCH 17, 2020 – In coordination with National, State and local efforts to take proactive steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Van Buren County is closing all Offices and Courts effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020 to April 5, 2020. Regular operations will resume April 6, 2020 unless further notice is given. This decision was not made lightly. Because of the rapidly changing environment Executive Leaders of the Courts, Elected Officials and Department Heads met with the County Administrator to develop operational protocols for presentation to the County Board of Commissioners. Today, after careful deliberation the decision was made to close County Offices and Courts to the public for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, visitors, and employees and their families.

Essential staff will be reporting to ensure required public services continue. The public is encouraged to contact the appropriate Office or Court via phone, e-mail or the U.S. Postal Service.

For general information refer to the County website at: www.vbco.org, call 269/657-8200 ext. 5101 or email admin@vbco.org

For specific information, see below:

- 7th District Court – 7dc@vbco.org (269) 657-8200 ext. 5102
- Administration Office/Board of Commissioners– Admin@vbco.org (269) 657- 8200 ext. 5101
- Circuit Court – 36circuitcourt@vbco.org (269) 657-8200 ext. 2340
- Clerk's Office – clerk@vbco.org (269) 657-8218 option 6
- Drain Office – parmanj@vbco.org (269) 657 – 8200 ext. 5109
- Friend of the Court (FOC) – foc@vbco.org (269) 657-8200 ext. 1501
- Juvenile Court – juvenilem@vbco.org (269) 657-8200 ext. 5110
- Land Management – thart@vbco.org (269) 657 – 8200 ext. 5501
- MSU Extension - msue.vanburen@county.msu.edu
- Probate Court – probate@vbco.org (269) 657-8200 ext. 5103
- Prosecutors Office – ProsecutorStaff@vbco.org (269) 657-8200 ext. 5104

- Public Defender – publicdefender@allegancounty.org (269) 686-4720
- Public Transit – TransitStaff@vbco.org (269) 427-7921
- Register of Deeds – ROD@vbco.org (269) 657 – 8200 ext. 5105
- Sheriff – SheriffSupportStaff@vbco.org (269) 657-8200 ext. 5514
- Specialty Court – specialtycourts@vbco.org (269) 657-8200 ext. 2478
- State Probation – vanlopikl@michigan.gov (269) 657 – 8200 ext. 2244
- Treasurer – TreasurerStaff@vbco.org (269) 657 – 8200 ext. 5108
- Veterans Services – krausek@vbco.org (269) 657-8200 ext. 1612

To learn more about COVID-19, visit the Van Buren Cass District Health Department website at www.vbcassdhd.org Michigan.gov/coronavirus or cdc.gov/coronavirus

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