

Precautionary measures ordered by Fulton County Sheriff Chris Sailors

Fulton County, IN- As these are unprecedented times and for the safety of the community and our first responders and staff to stay safe and healthy. Therefore, the following precautionary measures have been taken at the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and Jail in addition to what has already been published.

Effective March 22, 2020, the Fulton County Sheriff's Office has limited access to the Administration building and to the jail for jail matters and necessary business. If you are unsure of the importance of your situation, call the Sheriff Office at 574-223-2819 or 1-800-419-2819. Jail is 574-224-5630.

The following is an update to our operations:

Calls for Service:

Deputies will respond on all emergency and in progress calls as in the past. At this time, non-emergency calls that do not require the physical presence of a Deputy will be handled by a Deputy over the phone or by email. We will still be patrolling as normal and remain fully functional.

Please understand that Deputies may be wearing latex gloves and a mask. They will likely be maintaining a safe interview distance (minimum 6 ft, and may request whenever possible to be in an open-air location such as outdoors, porches, etc). In the event that a criminal arrest is necessary, offenders will be taken into custody and transported to the Fulton County Jail.

Lockouts: Opening locked vehicles will only be for emergencies at this time. Example: Child locked in a car.

Title (VIN) checks- All Indiana BMV's conduct title checks at the license branch. Until further notice, you will need to obtain title (VIN) checks at the BMV. If the Bureau of Motor Vehicles temporarily suspends services, there will likely be no immediate need for said paperwork.

Copies of Reports:

Crash Reports: Crash reports are available at www.buycrash.com or CRASHDOCS.ORG.

Copies of incident reports: To request a copy of an incident report please call our records department (574-224-5629) or email Amber Moolenaar at (amoolenaar@co.fulton.in.us) and we can either email, fax or send them via US Postal Mail. Please make certain to include your name, date of the incident, type, and location of the incident.

Handgun permits:

The application process begins online https://www.in.gov/isp/firearms.html. We will need a copy of your fingerprint receipt, a copy of your driver's license and money for the actual permit. You may call (574-224-5629) or look up the price on line. Please call for appointment to process.

Tax Warrants:

All Tax Warrants may still be paid. Please call ahead and speak to Jodi Miller at (574) 224-5621. She will provide you the information that you need. We accept money orders or cashiers check and may be mailed to the Sheriff Office. We will in turn send you a receipt. You may also go on line to the Indiana Department of Revenue dor.in.gov/4331.htm to take advantage of online services or call the Department of Revenue customer service line at (317) 232-2240.

Inmate visitation and deposits:

All inmate visitation is suspended until further notice. Visits may still continue via phone as in the past. The jail lobby kiosk will remain open for deposits on an inmate's phone account or inmate trust account.

Arrestees & Court:

The Fulton County Courts and Jail will be fully exercising video arraignment procedures as necessary. While court proceedings require the presence of the defendant, via video, public access to the courtrooms have been suspended at the Courts discretion at this time.

Also, the Fulton County Commissioners have restricted access to many offices for those who need to conduct business with the county. Individuals will be allowed to do so on a case by base basis by making an appointment with the respective county office, who will determine if it warrants personal interaction. Notices will be posted on building doors with phone numbers to call to reach someone inside to discuss their business needs.

The Fulton County Sheriff's Office is committed to maintain a healthy and safe environment for the public, our staff and individuals under our care and custody. Our priority is the safety, security and health of everyone in Fulton County. We are working closely with the Health Department, Commissioners, Emergency Management, 911, Woodlawn Hospital, City of Rochester and other all other law enforcement agencies and first responders.

In addition, we have been in contact with the Department of Corrections, regarding the care of inmates and have established a protocol for all arrested to assure that they would not potentially infect our jail population. I would like to thank Judge Lee, Judge Heller, Prosecutor Marrs and Probation Chief Holland for working with Law Enforcement to assure the Criminal Justice System remains intact during these times.

Stay safe.

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