



DOUGLAS COUNTY

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATOR

**DOUGLAS COUNTY
MISSION STATEMENT**
The mission of Douglas County is to provide cost-effective services, with equal access to all citizens; to continue and enhance partnerships; to responsibly manage our resources and plan for the future.

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Douglas County to Close Nonessential Functions/Services at County Buildings

The Douglas County Administrator and County Board Chair announced today that all nonessential functions at Douglas County buildings will be closed to the general public in an effort to help reduce the rate of COVID-19 (coronavirus) transmission and to protect citizens and employees of Douglas County.

Effective 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020, all facilities will be closed to the general public. Anyone needing to do business at Douglas County Buildings should call ahead and be prepared to make alternative arrangements instead of meeting in person. A link to department contact information is at the bottom of this release. The majority of the entrances to the buildings will be locked. Customers with prearranged appointments will be instructed on how to enter the building.

Functions remaining open at this time include:

- The Douglas County Circuit Courts are open for essential functions, including restraining orders, but court dates are changing and can be fluid. Anyone with a court date should check the Wisconsin CCAP system before leaving home or call the Clerk of Courts Office at 715-395-1203. Emergency court order with detail: <https://www.douglascountywi.org/EmergencyCourtOrder>
- The Clerk of Courts Office has information on their website for making payments, filing new cases or documents and requesting records: <https://www.douglascountywi.org/ClerkofCourts>
- The Douglas County Sheriff's Department and Jail information and guidelines can be found on their website: <https://www.sheriffofdouglascountywi.org/>
- Human Service functions such as child protective services, adult protective services, crisis services, adult mental health and substance abuse, children long-term support, juvenile intake and economic support will continue in a limited capacity.

Anyone with a specific court appointment is asked to enter the Douglas County Courthouse, 1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin, through the east side entrance off of Cumming Avenue, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Voting services for City of Superior residents will continue. Please enter through the small door located to the right of the main entrance to the Government Center at 1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin.

It is important to note that the coronavirus outbreak and public response is extremely fluid and subject to change. County officials are continually assessing conditions in consultation with the Douglas County Health Department. Regular updates will be posted on the county's website at: <https://www.douglascountywi.org/Covid19>. The county is also following guidance from the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control, and State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

While these and the many changes being implemented throughout the country are disruptive, they are essential to mitigate the impact of coronavirus and protect the health of the public and our employees.

We are all in this together and we all need to do our part to slow the spread of this virus. As we continue to closely monitor the coronavirus outbreak, we urge Douglas County residents to keep distance from others, avoid gathering in groups of 10 or more, and stay home, if possible.

For the latest guidance and to stay informed, visit the CDC's COVID-19 website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:
<https://www.douglascountywi.org/departments>