

Baker County Offices Close in Response to Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19); Certain Offices Available by Phone

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As part of the Baker County Commissioners' continuing efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 and protect the community and employees, all county office locations have been temporarily closed to the public. Many departments will continue to provide services by phone and email, and essential services will continue as needed by appointment. A complete list is provided below.

Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash stated, "If anyone has a non-emergent immediate need, we will work with them, please just call us at 541-523-6415 or email abowers@bakersheriff.org. For emergencies, dial 911." All jail visitation has been cancelled.

Earlier this week, the Baker County Circuit Court Judge Matt Shirtcliff moved the court to limited operations in accordance with Oregon Chief Justice Walters' emergency order. Judge Shirtcliff stated, "Baker County Circuit Court will continue with court operations consistent with my previous Circuit Court order and the Chief Justice's emergency order. The court has limited some hearings and trials but will continue to be open for business for many matters and all essential hearings and trials. Due to limited courthouse access, the public will need to call for assistance prior to coming to the Circuit Court. Staff will provide phone assistance with the electronic filing of documents and scheduling hearings. Attorneys and court participants will be able to access the courtroom for essential hearings and trials by appointment with the court staff. Please call 541-523-6303 to schedule. I will continue to ensure that the community has access to their court while maintaining safe court operations. I want to thank the local bar association and the community for their continued cooperation through these changes."

The Board of Commissioners thanks everyone for their efforts to keep our families, friends and neighbors as safe as possible, and for being understanding during this trying time.

Commissioner Mark Bennett says, "We understand this temporary office closure can create additional challenges for our community, and the Baker County staff is committed to providing the best information and services we can in these changing conditions. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the open departments or the Commissioners if you have an urgent need we can help meet. We are so fortunate to serve a community that comes together to take care of one another."

County office availability by department:

Administrative Services	541-523-8209	Available by phone, limited staffing
Assessors	541-523-8203	Available by phone, open by appointment
Circuit Court	541-523-6303	Available by phone, open by appointment
Clerk's Office	541-523-8207	Available by phone, limited staffing
Commissioner's Office	541-523-8200	Available by phone
District Attorney's Office	541-523-8205	Available by phone, messages will be checked regularly
Emergency Management	541-523-8200	Available by phone
Facilities	541-523-6416	Available by phone, limited staffing
Fair	541-523-7881	Office closed
Health Department	541-523-8211	Available by phone, open by appointment
Justice Court	541-523-8213	Available by phone, messages will be checked regularly
Juvenile Department	541-523-8215	Available by phone
Museum	541-523-9308	Office closed
Parks	541-893-6147	Office closed
Parole and Probation	541-523-8217	Available by phone, limited staffing
Planning Department	541-523-8219	Available by phone
Road Department	541-523-6417	Office closed, phone messages will be checked regularly
Sheriff's Office	541-523-6415	Available by phone
Treasurer's Office	541-523-8224	Office closed, phone messages will be checked regularly
Watermaster's Office	541-523-8224	Office closed, available by phone Marcy Osborn: 541-519-6395 Luke Albert: 541-519-4999 Nate Petrucci: 541-519-6275
Weed Department	541-523-8200	Office closed