



Press Release: Markleeville, CA. (Thursday March 19, 2020)

Due to the quickly changing situation related to COVID-19 (Corona Virus), Alpine County Public Health Officer, Dr. Richard Johnson, declared a Public Health Emergency and the Alpine County Board of Supervisors affirmed the Declaration and also issued a Local Emergency.

Effective Thursday March 19, 2020 at 8 a.m. Alpine County government buildings are closed to the public until further notice with essential services still being provided.

Essential services that are currently available are listed below, otherwise please call a specific department. Mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are available on each department's website at www.alpinecountyca.gov

Public Safety: Sheriff and Fire emergency services are staffed and available. In case of an emergency, call 911. Markleeville and Bear Valley stations are closed to the public.

Assessor/Recorder: Document recording and vital records are available by telephone, email or U.S. Postal Service.

Behavioral Health Services: Crisis Hotline services will be uninterrupted and are available 24/7 at 800-318-8212.

Child Support Services: All services available via telephone, email or U.S. Postal Service.

Community Development: Current planning as required by State Permit Streamlining Act, or other laws with timeline requirements, plan checking and examination, building inspections, code enforcement are all currently available by request. Snow removal, road patrol and road maintenance are all operational. County facilities, including Turtle Rock Park and Bear Valley Library are not available for public use. Check the Community Development website for information regarding the Recycling Center, Biomass Collection and Dial-A-Ride specific information.

County Clerk: Marriage license and services are suspended, along with passport application services. Claims against the County may be delivered via U.S. Postal Service, private carriers, email or the drop box outside the County Administration building.

District Attorney/Victim Witness Program: The District Attorney's Office is open, please call or email.

Finance Department (Auditor/Controller & Treasurer/Tax Collector): The public may submit tax payments via U.S. Postal Service or the drop box outside the County Administration Building.

Health & Human Services: All critical services are available, including:

- Child Protective Services,
- Adult Protective Services,
- Public assistance programs via telephone and email.
 - Applications for benefits may be made online at www.c4yourself.com.
 - Applications for CalFresh and Med-Cal benefits may also be made by telephone.
- If you suspect child abuse or neglect, please call the department at **(530)-694-2235**. The hotline is available 24/7.
- The One Stop is closed.
- Women, Infants, Children (WIC) applications are available at (530) 573-3491
- Energy Assistance applications at (530) 573-3492.
- Child Support Services are available at (866) 901-3212.
- The food pantry is open by appointment only and the Senior Meals Program is fully operational.

The Medical Clinic is open on Mondays and Wednesdays by appointment only. Patients must wait in their car until they are asked to come in. Public Health information related to COVID-19 continues if you wish to receive Public Health Briefs please send an email to rjohnson@alpinecountyca.gov.

Environmental Health services available by appointment.

Human Resources: Applications for open recruitments are accepted, however all interviews are suspended until further notice.

Library & Archives: Residents may contact the library to check out materials remotely and pick them up at a scheduled time. The eBooks and eZines are always available on the library's website. Archives is not available until further notice.

Probation: Please contact the department for services via telephone or email.

All Alpine County residents are strongly encouraged to stay home, maintain social distancing (6 feet between people) if you must go out, wash your hands and use hand sanitizer if hand washing is unavailable. If you have a fever or a cough please seek medical attention. Be sure to call your healthcare provider first unless you are having difficulty breathing and limit exposure to other people. We encourage all residents to check on their neighbors, especially seniors. And remember you cannot get COVID-19 by walking with your dog, sitting on your porch or connecting with your friends and family via telephone or video chat.