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MEEKER COUNTY TO RESUME WALK-IN TRAFFIC AT COUNTY FACILITIES DURING BUSINESS HOURS - REMOTE SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE ENCOURAGED

Meeker County officials will resume accepting walk-in traffic at the County's facilities during business hours, effective Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Citizens are encouraged to conduct business remotely when possible and if in person services are necessary, to make appointments with the appropriate County office.

Since November 30, 2020, all doors to County facilities (Courthouse, Family Services Center, and Transportation Facility) have been locked, thereby controlling potential traffic through the buildings. During this time, County offices remained open to serve the public through remote means or by appointments. As of Tuesday, January 19, 2021, there will be one unlocked public entrance to each of the County facilities.

Meeker County Administrator, Andrew Letson states, "While there has been a reduction in the positivity rate across Meeker County and the State of Minnesota, there remains a need to be vigilant in our protective measures including proper sanitation, social distancing, and wearing of masks. Our primary focus remains the safety of the public and County staff. We will continue to take a data driven approach to evaluating what measures are necessary to ensure the safety of the public and staff."

The public may access services by telephone, email, online at the County website, or by in-person appointment when necessary. Staff contact information and online services can be located on the Meeker County website at www.co.meeker.mn.us. Additionally, drop boxes near the Courthouse parking lot entrance and near the main entrance to the Family Services Center may be utilized to deliver documents to ANY department (clearly label who the documents are for).

If it is necessary to seek in-person services, the public is asked to wear a mask, and practice social distancing while in County facilities.

The Meeker County Law Enforcement Center lobby remains open 24/7, citizens are encouraged to conduct their business over the phone as much as possible. Additionally, jail visitation will continue to be by appointment only to allow for social distancing and disinfecting between visits. All Meeker County District Court hearings will continue to be conducted virtually.

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