



HOWARD COUNTY OFFICES
Howard County, Texas

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We wish to inform the public of Howard County of new precautions being taken in the Howard County Offices including:

- Howard County Courthouse
- Howard County Annex Building
- 118th District Courthouse
- Howard County Library

Beginning March 23rd all doors into the Howard County Courthouse will be locked with the exception of the west side door (off of Scurry Street). All visitors and employees must use the west side entrance, where they will be given a pre-screening questionnaire.

Only individuals who have successfully completed the pre-screening form and have specific business in the courthouse will be allowed to enter. Additional persons will not be allowed to enter, unless it can be shown that those persons are necessary to the specific business for entering the courthouse and can successfully complete the questionnaire.

Once entering the courthouse, loitering in the halls or offices will not be allowed. If you have questions regarding any services or need assistance, please call in advance.

If you have business with the following offices, please call them directly:

-County Clerk	264-2213	- District Clerk	264-2223
-County Attorney	264-2205	- District Attorney	264-2220
-County Judge	264-2202	- District Judge	264-2225

Until further notice, no one will be allowed to conduct research in the Howard County Clerk's Office. Please use the online search tools found at www.countygovernmentrecords.com.

There will be no jury trials for County Court, District Court, Justice of the Peace Court, and Municipal court until further notice.

The Howard County Library will be closed to the public until further notice. There will not be any late fee charges.

The County Tax Assessor's office will be open for limited business. All vehicle registrations must be mailed or completed online. Property tax payments must be mailed. All dealerships will have access to a drop box for title work of vehicles.

Road and Bridge, the Sheriff's Office, and the Howard County Jail will all be in full operation, but visitors will not be allowed.

All other offices at the Howard County Courthouse will be open to the public after completing the pre-screening questionnaire. However, we encourage everyone to complete their business over the phone or online before coming to the courthouse.

Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation visitors will be given a pre-screening questionnaire.

It is our effort thru the above processes and procedures to protect the public as well as the employees of Howard County while still providing necessary services. It is our hope that each of you will assist us in our attempt to provide a balance of protection and services to the best of our ability.

We are happy to help you over the phone:

County Clerk	264-2213	District Clerk	264-2223
County Attorney	264-2205	District Attorney	264-2220
County Judge	264-2202	District Judge	264-2225
Election's Office	264-2273	Adult Probation	264-2245
JP 1-1 (Griffin)	264-2226	Juvenile Probation	264-2240
JP 1-2 (Fitzgibbons)	264-2228	Tax Assess/Collector	264-2232
Welfare/Indigent	264-2219	Tax Appraisal	263-8301