



**Wilson County Government  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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(Lebanon, TN 4/27/2020)-from Randall Hutto, Mayor of Wilson County on reopening county government offices.

On April 2, 2020 Governor Lee issued a Stay at Home Executive Order, which remains in effect through April 30, 2020. That order will be lifted effective May 1, and Wilson County Government Offices will be moving toward a phased reopening of its offices, while continuing to do our part to assist in the protection of the health and safety of our citizens and employees.

For the duration of the Governor's mandatory Stay at Home order currently in effect through April 30<sup>th</sup>, Wilson County offices will remain closed to the public.

Starting Monday, May 4, county offices will expand to be open to the public by appointment only to the extent possible. Employees will be available in each county office by phone and email on Monday through Friday, but will be conducting in-person business by appointment only. We will reevaluate this process each week, with the goal (subject to change depending upon available data) of having county offices fully open to the public as soon as possible.

Offices that deal with time sensitive filings, such as County Trustee, County Clerk's office, and Register of Deeds, have secured drop boxes placed at the front entrance of the Wilson County Courthouse. On each weekday, items placed in the drop box prior to 4:00 PM will be stamped in as of that business day. Do NOT place any items in the drop box after hours for security purposes.

For the month of May, any business that can be conducted by phone, electronically, or by mail should continue to be conducted in that manner rather than in person. Each county office should strictly enforce that practice, so that only those activities that cannot be conducted in an alternative manner will be conducted in person.

This directive shall not apply to the buildings where judicial functions are conducted (including the judicial center and other court proceedings) or to the jail, but special rules may apply to the operations in those buildings by virtue of orders of the Tennessee Supreme Court and/or directives of the Wilson County Sheriff.

For those activities that must be performed in person, each office will develop a process for making appointments or otherwise controlling access to allow for social distancing, and will announce that to the public. In addition to posting on the County's website, signage at the external doors to county buildings will provide relevant information. Each public official or

department's website will include the number to call to make an appointment and what to do when the public comes to the building.

Entry to the building will be limited to the front doors. Doors will remain locked with entry controlled by law enforcement present at the Wilson County Courthouse. Patrons may be asked to wait outside or in a hallway with appropriate spacing until their turn to be served in order to facilitate social distancing. Signage will be posted directing patrons.

Members of the public are asked to wear courtesy masks when conducting business in Wilson County facilities for their own safety and for the safety of fellow citizens and our employees.

We thank our citizens for your patience as we transition through the month of May with the hope of being back to full operation as soon as possible.

Randall Hutto, Mayor of Wilson County

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