



PRESS RELEASE
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Lancaster County Responds to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Lancaster, SC – This information supplements and updates Lancaster County’s March 26th Press Release. Effective Wednesday April 1, 2020, the County Administration Building is closed to the public until further notice. Limited services will continue to be available at a temporary staffed workstation outside of the building, but citizens are urged to utilize online and phone services before coming to the building. The work station and document drop off area is located at the parking lot entry point to the Administration Building.

Essential services remain available via the Lancaster County Government website (www.mylancastersc.org) and residents can also contact individual departments by phone, email, US Mail and package delivery (UPS, FedEx, etc.).

Citizens are urged to utilize our on-line taxpayer services while fees are being waived (www.mylancastersctax.org). **If you must come to the Administration Building for tax purposes, the Drive Thru Window is required for paying property, vehicle, and delinquent taxes.** Drive-Thru hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

In addition to being closed to the public, the Register of Deeds Department will be closed to Attorneys, Abstractors and Surveyors until further notice. Please use the variety of alternative methods available for submitting and accessing deeds and researching titles. Records are online from approximately 1986-current on titlesearcher.com. We encourage submitters to e-file and those will be processed in the order submitted. If records need to be hand delivered, please drop off at the parking lot entrance door. As a reminder, most current deeds and some older deeds can be accessed for FREE on [qpublic](http://qpublic.com). Contact the Register of Deeds office at 803-416-9440 for assistance.

The County Assessor’s Office can assist with property record card data via 803-285-6964 or email assessor@lancastersc.net.

The following changes to public services are effective immediately:

The Lancaster County Building Department inspection turn-around time will extend to 48-hours versus 24-hours as the department adjusts employee work schedules. Likewise, the Lancaster Stormwater Management Department inspection schedules may also be impacted during this period.

The Animal Shelter will temporarily waive pet adoption fees through April 30, 2020 and visits are by appointment only until further notice.

Lancaster County Magistrate Court scheduled cases are postponed until further notice. A summons will be mailed once cases have been rescheduled. The Magistrate’s office will be open for Bond Hearings, the Posting of Bonds, Civil Filings (with the exception of evictions), Payment of Fines, etc. Any scheduled fine payments due during this period will be extended until April 30, 2020. Please contact the Magistrate’s office at 803-283-3983 with any questions.

Citizens should utilize the Lancaster County website: www.mylancastersc.org/COVID-19 link Virtual Resource Center for specific county department information.