



# SHERIFF

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## Press Release from Clay County Sheriff's Office

Effective immediately, the Clay County Sheriff's Office is closed to foot traffic in an effort to reduce some of the risks associated with COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

This is being done in an effort to protect those we serve as well as our dedicated staff.

These are the precautionary measures we are taking:

• **Corrections Division:** We have a heightened intake screening process and are taking additional sanitary precautions. The Clay County Jail has **SUSPENDED** all jail visitation until further notice, other than attorney visits. If money is needed to be put into a commissary account, please go to our web page and access smart deposit by clicking on the link, "make your deposit now" under the Commissary tab. Phone card can be purchased thru <https://reliancetelephone.com/>. Any questions please contact the jail staff.

• **Patrol Division:** Our Deputies are still here to serve you and will still be available 24/7. We are however encouraging them to take additional precautions to reduce the risk potential. This may include taking reports by telephone when circumstances allow. Also, Deputies are encouraged to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet when talking to anyone in public if possible.

• **Concealed Handgun Licensing:** We have all the forms available at <https://www.claycountysheriffsoffice.com/>. A person can print off the forms whether it is a new application for permit to carry, a renewal, or a Permit to Acquire at their residence and fill them out. They can be mailed into the Sheriff's Office at 3115 W 4<sup>th</sup> St, PO Box 7957, Spencer, IA 51301. Also please include a colored copy of your identification (Driver's License), copy of your training and check or money order. The prices for each are as follows: \$50 for New permit to carry, \$25 for renewal, \$25 permit to acquire. You may also go to Iowa Department of Public Safety and print out the forms.

• **Limited Access to Law Center:** Clay County Sheriff's Office has limited access to the Clay County Law Enforcement Center. Members of the public are encouraged to call in to the Sheriff's Office first before stopping in (712) 262-3221 or Spencer Police Dept. (712) 262-2151. If the public stops by limited access is in place for the protection of both departments staff. The public doors will remain unlocked to gain access to the lobby area, from there the doors to jail visitation and administration offices will be locked. There is an intercom system in the entry area that can be picked up and contact be made with a jailer.



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If anyone from the public needs a copy of an accident or incident report, they can contact the department they are needing it from and a copy can be emailed, faxed and or mailed to you.

We continue to work with state and local officials regarding this issue. We will continue to monitor the situation and the temporary changes may be modified.

The Sheriff's Office encourages the community to remain calm and to follow the advice of official sources such as Clay County Board of Supervisors, City of Specner, Clay County Emergency Management, Clay County Public Health, Iowa Dept. of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control on what preventative measures you can take.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Chris Raveling