

Rush County Citizens,

We are contacting you today concerning the global situation surrounding COVID-19 ("Coronavirus").

As I'm sure you are aware, this outbreak has spread rapidly throughout China, and also relatively quickly into other countries around the globe including the U.S. There are numerous details that remain unknown about the virus making planning and response very difficult at best.

Here in Rush County, we are at a moment in time where decisions must be made.

The intention is not to spread fear, nor is it to make any claims as to the potential future situation we may see within our County. Our hope is to draw your attention to some of the basics of what we do know at this point:

1. This outbreak has the potential for a high mortality rate (based on rumors of intentionally deceitful statistics being reported by China).
2. The best action available to us thus far is proactive planning and decision making, in order to be prepared to mount a quick response to the best of our abilities, in order to mitigate the spread of the virus among our local citizens.
3. Avoiding contact with infected individuals will be a key to minimizing the spread, which would include the need to cancel or rethink large gatherings such as churches, sporting events, and especially schools; and
4. Planning for how we will respond to and/or address this outbreak would not be wasted effort, regardless of whether or not the outbreak becomes more serious here locally.

Starting today 3/13/2020, the courthouse will be taking measures to protect its employees as well as all Rush County Citizens. We will be implementing a screening process on the first floor should you absolutely need to enter the courthouse. We ask that if you are sick, you do not enter the courthouse unless legally obligated or have prior authorization.

Please continue to monitor the county websites as well as social media/news outlets for updated information.

We are also providing a couple links below that we feel have information you might find relevant:

[CDC COVID-19 Homepage](#)

[CDC Interim Guidance for Employers](#)

Thanks for your time and consideration,  
Rush County Commissioners

Please CALL Before YOU Come.

<b>RUSH COUNTY COURTHOUSE DIRECTORY</b>				
		<b>AREA PLAN</b>	<b>932-3090</b>	
		<b>ASSEMBLY ROOM</b>	<b>932-3075</b>	
		<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>932-3242</b>	
		<b>AUDITOR</b>	<b>932-2077</b>	
		<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>	<b>932-2078</b>	
		<b>CLERK</b>	<b>932-2086</b>	
		<b>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</b>	<b>932-3533</b>	
		<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>932-8391</b>	
		<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>932-5974</b>	
		<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>932-3103</b>	
		<b>HIGHWAY</b>	<b>932-2926</b>	
		<b>HUMAN RESOURCE</b>	<b>932-8357</b>	
		<b>IT DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>938-4930</b>	
		<b>PROBATION</b>	<b>932-3748</b>	
		<b>PROSECUTOR</b>	<b>932-2000</b>	
		<b>CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>932-4017</b>	
		<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>	<b>932-4163</b>	
		<b>RECORDER</b>	<b>932-2388</b>	
		<b>SHERIFF DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>932-2931</b>	
		<b>SOLID WASTE</b>	<b>938-1342</b>	
		<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>	<b>932-3520</b>	
		<b>SURVEYOR</b>	<b>932-3184</b>	
		<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>932-2386</b>	