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LCSO Announces Temporary Procedural and Employee Protocols for COVID-19

The Leon County Sheriff's Office's top priority is the safety of our employees and the citizens of Leon County. We have developed a comprehensive plan to address the threat posed by COVID-19 and maintain continuity of operations. The following procedural changes are to effectively serve the citizens of Leon County during this unprecedented event.

The following changes will be effective **WEDNESDAY**, **MARCH 18, 2020**.

- In-person visitation remains suspended at the Leon County Detention Facility. All outside contact for inmates is limited to telephone or postal mail. Attorneys are still requested to contact detention facility personnel to schedule any meetings at this time.
- A selection of Leon County Sheriff's Office employees will work remotely from home, carrying out their daily duties.
- The Leon County Sheriff's Office's front lobby will be closing to public access to include <u>NO</u> walk-in reporting. The front lobby will only allow access to regularly scheduled sex offender and career criminal registrations at this time.
- LCSO public fingerprinting services are suspended.
- Citizens wishing to report any non-emergencies to the Sheriff's Office are asked to call (850)606-3300.
- The Sheriff's Office Mobile Command and Communications Center will be undergoing on-site testing in the event it is utilized for a COVID-19 response.
- For public records requests, we highly encourage the utilization of email (LCSO_Public_Records@leoncountyfl.gov).



