



City of York Police Department

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The York Police Department is committed to providing safety and service to our community. The first link in that chain is our staff, and sick staff members are unable to help the community. With that in mind, in response to COVID-19 Virus and health concerns, the York Police Department will be changing the way we offer services.

Beginning March 18th, the lobby of the York Police Department will be closed for business. This means that the public can still come to the lobby in *emergencies* and utilize the phone there for assistance, but regular business and clerical services such as fingerprinting, animal licensing, accident reports, and ticket payments will not be available. Animal licensing and ticket payments can be mailed to the police department.

Officers and staff of the York Police Department will also be handling calls in a different manner. Officers may work to handle calls for service by telephone, if possible, and will not be attending non-law-enforcement medical calls as in the past. Officers and staff have been instructed to utilize protective and sanitizing practices and products as needed, and citizens will notice they are working to maintain a six-foot distance from those they contact. Officers have also been instructed not to enter into homes unless necessary for serious safety reasons, and will be requesting that citizens meet them outside to maintain safe distances.

We will be evaluating this fluid situation daily, and these measures will remain in place until at least Monday, April 6th, 2020.

We appreciate the public's patience and understanding as we work to offer services that are safe for both the community and our staff.

Respectfully,

Edward Tjaden, Chief of Police, York, Nebraska