

PEND OREILLE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13

**RESTRICTING PUBLIC ACCESS TO COUNTY FACILITIES DUE TO
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared Washington State to be in a state of emergency due to the existence of a novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, epidemic within the state; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, a Presidential National Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 was declared on March 13, 2020 pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) declared a state of emergency in Pend Oreille County due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 38.52 RCW vests emergency powers in the Board to take extraordinary measures for the preservation of public health and to relieve loss, hardship, and suffering; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the situation demands that the Board take measures to protect the public and county employees from further transmission of COVID-19 in Pend Oreille County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pend Oreille County that the following policies related to County facilities shall take effect at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020:

1. All County buildings/facilities shall be closed to the public with access available only to County employees with the exceptions noted below. Where face-to-face appointments are necessary, they will be scheduled in advance and held under public health guidelines.
2. The affected County buildings/facilities include:
 - a. Pend Oreille County Courthouse located at 625 West 4th Street in Newport Washington, with the exception of the scheduled meetings of the Board of County Commissioners;
 - b. Pend Oreille County Community Development Department located at 418 S. Scott in Newport, Washington;
 - c. Pend Oreille County Sheriff’s Office located at 331 S. Garden Avenue in Newport, Washington,
 - dispatch and patrol, which will respond to calls and emergencies;
 - civil and lobby will be limited access to the public;
 - d. Pend Oreille County Fairgrounds buildings located at 419152 SR 20 in Cusick, Washington; closed to all public functions;

- e. Pend Oreille County Road Shops located at:
 - i. District 1 Shop- 9302 Deer Valley Road, Newport, Washington;
 - ii. District 2 Shop-721 Jared Road, Usk, Washington;
 - iii. District 3 Shop-161 Sullivan Lake Road, Ione Washington;
 - f. Pend Oreille County Counseling Services located at 105 S. Garden Avenue in Newport, Washington;
 - g. Pend Oreille County Weed Board Department located at 227-B S. Garden Avenue in Newport, Washington;
 - h. Pend Oreille County Information Technology Services Department located at 101 S. Garden in Newport, Washington.
 - i. WSU County Extension Office, Greenhouse, and Garden, located at 227 S. Garden Avenue in Newport, Washington;
3. The Deer Valley, Usk and Ione Transfer stations will remain open to the public during their normal operating hours.
 4. Public access to the Hall of Justice Building shall be for District Court and Superior Court proceedings as determined by the District Court and Superior Court Presiding Judges.
 5. The Superior Court Presiding Judge and the District Court Presiding Judge will make independent decisions concerning the operations of the courts, and the potential for further restriction of public access to the Hall of Justice Building.
 6. The building/facility closures discussed herein shall be in effect through Monday, April 6, 2020, after which the Board of County Commissioners will make a determination as to extending the closures.

ADOPTED this 23 day of March, 2020.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PEND OREILLE COUNTY**

ATTEST:

Crystal Zieske
Crystal Zieske, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Dolly Hunt
Dolly Hunt, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Absent
Mike Manus, Chair

Steve Kiss
Steve Kiss, Vice Chair

Karen Skoog
Karen Skoog, Commissioner