



GRANT COUNTY  
**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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For Immediate Release

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**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CLOSES TO THE PUBLIC**

Ephrata – The Grant County Development Services office will close to the public effective 8am on March 18, 2020. In response to the increased risks associated with the COVID-19 virus, the Department is closing its doors to the public until at least April 1, 2020. As that time nears, we'll evaluate the COVID-19 virus situation and determine if additional length of closure is necessary.

Development Services staff will continue to report to work and our permit services will remain functional. Changes in operations are as follows:

During this unique time period, we will only accept new building, fire, and land use applications by U.S. mail, FedEx, or UPS (or other similar courier services). Issued permits will be mailed to permit applicant.

Application fees and deposits **do not** need to accompany building and fire permit application *submittals* at this time, however, no permits will be *issued* until the full permit fee has been paid. All land use application fees *must* accompany the submittal. Credit cards will be accepted over the phone for payment during this office closure period.

Building permit inspections will continue with a goal of next-day service. However, all inspections for owner or tenant occupied structures are suspended through the duration of this closure. There shall be no contact with Building Inspectors during course of any inspection.

Land use applications that have a pending hearing date in April are anticipated to continue as scheduled. Any land use application that requires a public hearing, for which one has not yet been scheduled may be delayed.

For all of your building and fire permitting questions please contact (509) 754-2011, extension 3001. For all of your land use and planning questions, please contact (509) 754-2011, extension 2537. We appreciate your patience in this unprecedented time, and we will make every effort possible to continue permit services based on available staff.

*End of Notice*