

Coweta County - COVID-19 Operating Guidelines

Coweta County is committed to safeguarding the health and safety of its employees and the general public while providing local government services to our community. As the County continues to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, this document shall serve as a guide to safely operate and reopen County facilities and services. These operating measures have been developed based upon guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Public Health (DPH), and Operational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

We are using the federal guidelines as a basis for a multi-phased approach to re-opening and providing services. We currently allow limited and appointment only access to County facilities. This will be adjusted based on the federal guidelines and with input and guidance from state and local public health officials based on the situation here in Coweta County.

General Guidelines for all County Facilities:

- Social distancing
 - Employees and visitors should maintain at least six (6) feet of separation

- Temperature/Wellness Checks
 - Employees and visitors will be screened upon entering the facility or department for their temperature.
 - Individuals measuring a body temperature at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will be directed to return home to seek proper medical care.
 - Employees and visitors who are sick or who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness should stay home for at least 3-days (72-hours) without a fever and without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms.

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) / Face Coverings / Masks
 - Employees and visitors are required to wear a cloth face covering or mask (must securely cover nose, mouth, and chin) while located in common/shared spaces (i.e. hallways, breakrooms, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms.)
 - Employees are not required to wear a face covering or mask if they are within a private office.

- Hygiene
 - Proper and routine hand washing and use of hand sanitizer for all is strongly encouraged.

- Meetings

Visitors and in-person meetings should be limited; virtual meetings or conference calls should be conducted whenever possible, including internal meetings.

Resources and References:

- CDC COVID-19 General Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19 (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
- White House Reopening America Guidelines: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>
- CDC Reopening Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>