



## Rice County Sheriff's Office

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## RESTRICTED ACCESS TO RICE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

By order of Rice County Sheriff Troy Dunn, effective March 19, 2020 at 7:30 am, access to the Rice County Courthouse will be restricted. The courthouse is not being closed.

Only essential staff, officers of the courts and people with scheduled court hearings will be allowed into the Courthouse. This would include employees of Court Administration, Judges and staff, along with employees of the Rice County Sheriff's Office, Attorney's Office, Rice County Probation, Rice County Social Services, Public Health, attorneys, public defender and victim advocates. No other members of the public will be allowed into the courthouse until deemed safe to do so by the order of the Sheriff. This is due to the CORVID-19 pandemic.

Staff in both Court Administration and the Rice County Attorney's office can still assist you by phone by calling 507-332-6100 between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Prepared by:** Sheriff Troy Dunn, #1101, Rice County Sheriff's Office