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George County update on public services in response to COVID-19

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George County received its first COVID-19 safety supplies from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency over the weekend. County EMA Director Nancy Smith distributed the items between George Regional Health System, the County's ambulance service, Sheriff's Office, Lucedale Police Department, and local first responders.

"This is the first of several deliveries from the State we are expecting over the next week. I'm working closely with our health care providers to channel their requests directly to MEMA. We should be receiving our next supplies this week," Smith explained.



The County is eligible for these medical supplies following the George County Board of Supervisors declaring a "Local Emergency" at the March 16 Board meeting.

"The County has taken several measured steps to maintain public safety and keep key public services available to our residents. This is a fluid situation and we are staying in steady contact with our community partners," Board President Larry McDonald said.

Currently, the Courthouse and surrounding County offices remain open for essential business but public access is being restricted as a health precaution. "Check-in" spots have been set up at each office entrance to direct business requests to the appropriate staff.

"The Check-in spots are working. It's a little different way of conducting County business but it's working," Chancery Clerk Cammie Byrd said. "I'm encouraging everyone to call before you come. A call will save you some wait time. All of the Courthouse staffs can handle a wide variety of issues over the phone or by email."

Most regular business at the Tax Collector's Office can be done online through the County's website. Residents and property owners can go online to make payments for property taxes, car tags, and household garbage bills at www.georgecountyms.com

It's important to note, all County household garbage collection routes will continue as normal.

Events at County community centers have been postponed, rescheduled, or canceled through the month of April following the CDC recommendation for groups no larger than 10 people to gather in one location.

Residents are encouraged to call each County office in advance to expedite requests or questions.

• GC Board of Supervisors: 601-947-7506

• GC Emergency Management Agency: 601-947-7557

Chancery Clerk/Court: 601-947-4801Circuit Clerk/Court: 601-947-4881

• Fire Coordinator/911 Addressing: 601-947-7557

Justice Court: 601-947-4834
GC Sheriff: 601-947-4811
Tax Collector: 601-947-7541
Veterans Affairs: 601-247-2117

Photo Cutline:

GC Emergency Management staff delivering safety supplies on March 23. **L to R:** Sheriff Deputy Doug Adams, EMA Director Nancy Smith, Sheriff Chief Deputy Ronnie Castille, and Assistance EMA Debbie Gilbert. **Photo by:** Linda Fallon

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