

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to health and safety concerns regarding coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and in an effort to protect the community, limit exposure, and maintain an efficient judicial system, Justice of the Peace Courts will be operating with limited operations until further notice. Please visit each court's web page for additional information.

### FOR JUSTICE COURT 3 --- JUDGE AURORA CHAIDES-HERNANDEZ

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Before you come in please call so that we may save you a trip to the courthouse/office and limit exposure:

**806-775-1328**.

Persons with COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, a fever, coughing and sneezing – PLEASE DO NOT COME IN. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT VIA TELEPHONE: **806-775-1328** or email : [smartinez@lubbockcounty.gov](mailto:smartinez@lubbockcounty.gov)

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- All non-essential court proceedings are currently suspended, through May 18, 2020, *subject to change*.
  - Criminal: This includes all traffic/criminal, pre-trial, judge and jury, show cause hearings, and administrative hearings.
  - All Jury service is currently suspended until further notice.
  - All evictions (commercial and residential), will be rescheduled until after May 18, 2020. If they are “imminent threat” or criminal activity to plaintiff or his/her agents, **contact court**. If it falls under the CARES ACT (Fed Housing programs), signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, these will be later, **contact the court**.
  - No writs of possession shall be issued/executed until after May 18, 2020, *subject to change*.
  - We will accept evictions filings but be aware that scheduling and service of these filings will be tentative (none before May 18, 2020) and *subject to change*.
  - Civil Filings – All deadlines are on hold for filing and serving items such as answer date and statutes of limitations, until June 1, 2020.
  - Telephonic and video conferencing are currently available and will continue as needed.
  - In the event of an emergency, contact the Court at **806-775-1328**.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The health and safety of our community and our staff are of paramount importance.