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Story County Preparedness for COVID-19

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NEVADA, IOWA - Story County government is working closely with local, state and federal partners to stay up-to-date regarding transmission of the Novel Coronavirus, known as COVID-19. If COVID-19 transmission becomes an issue in Story County, we will activate our emergency plans as needed to continue to provide essential services.

As part of our prevention planning, we are encouraging our customers to conduct their business with the County by mail or electronically when possible, rather than in person. We enjoy serving you in person but know that using the following options can help protect your health and reduce opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 in Story County:

• You may pay property taxes that are due March 31st by visiting Iowa County Treasurers website at https://www.iowatreasurers.org/?navigator>WelcomePage&countyId=85 and using a credit card. If you would rather pay by check, mail it with your payment stub, to Story County Treasurer, P.O. Box 498, Nevada, IA 50201 or place it in the dropbox located in the northeast parking lot of the County Administration Building, 900 6th St, Nevada. Or if you use on-line banking, have a check sent to us that way.
• All applications and policies regarding road permits and policies through Story County Secondary Roads are available online under http://www.storycountyiowa.gov/410/Permits-Policies.
• Land record searches can be done online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, using Beacon at https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=165&LayerID=2145&PageTypeID=2&PageID=1104. Real estate documents may be recorded electronically through Iowa Land Records at https://iowalandrecords.org/.
• Development applications (including zoning permits, subdivisions, conditional use permits, home business permits, floodplain permits, grading/demolition permit applications and variances) for property in unincorporated Story County can be submitted online to pzweb@storycountyiowa.gov and payment via credit card can be made at http://storyepay.com/.
• Or pick up the phone and call us. The phone numbers of our Offices and Departments, and information about services they provide, are under Government on our website, www.storycountyiowa.gov

For information about COVID-19: The Iowa Department of Public Health is the most accurate, timely and informative resource for information about COVID-19 in Iowa. Their website provides guidance for businesses, schools, healthcare, long-term care, general public, and travelers. We encourages residents to visit Iowa Department of Public Health’s website at https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus for ongoing updates or call 2-1-1 to have your questions answered.

Preparing for COVID-19: It is important to prepare for COVID-19 in the same way you prepare for severe weather or other events that could disrupt your normal routine. Make a plan and discuss it with your family. What would you do if you could not go to work or school because of illness? What if your daycare provider was ill? How would you get groceries if you were ill? These are all questions to think about.
Prevention of COVID-19: Precautions are the same as for other respiratory illnesses (like flu):

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your upper arm/elbow
- Clean your hands frequently with soap and water
- Contain germs by staying home when ill
- Avoid crowds

For the most current information from the CDC, visit their website at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html.

We look forward to continuing to serve you, whether on-line, by phone or in person.

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