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LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO REOPEN FOR LIMITED FINGERPRINTING SERVICES AND HOURS

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office, within the Law and Justice Center (LJC), will be reopening for limited fingerprinting services by appointment only beginning June 1, 2020. With our office being part of the entrance to the LJC, there will be limited room for waiting; however, the Sheriff's Office area will be marked and cordoned off to ensure safety and social distancing. Because of this and our limited hours, we are asking the public to continue using those other means of conducting business with our office as found on our website, to include: public records requests by phone and e-mail, renewing of Concealed Pistol Licenses (CPL) by mail, and reporting of crimes via phone to Central Dispatch to have a deputy contact you directly. Also, be aware cloth face masks/nose-mouth coverings will be required for entering the LJC and Sheriff's Office areas.

Beginning June 1, limited fingerprinting services for CPL's, NFA Applicants, employment, and other required purposes will be done by appointment only. Prescheduled fingerprinting appointments for COUNTY residents will be available every half hour from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. In the case of original CPL applicants, we request you preprint the application form found on our website and complete as much of the form as possible prior to visiting to streamline your appointment. Fingerprinting appointments can be made during business hours by calling (360) 748-9286. During fingerprinting, cloth facemasks/nose-mouth coverings will be required of the public, and our employees will also be using proper personal protective equipment (PPE).

The Sheriff's Office Jail lobby will remain closed to the public; however, we will continue following personal safety protocols put in place on March 13, 2020, for scheduled attorney visits and law enforcement personnel. Our staff will continue monitoring the situation and adjust as needed.

"We are excited to be able to reopen our fingerprint services to the public performed by our staff," said Sheriff Rob Snaza. "In light of everything going on, we will continue to face

constraints on the amount of people we are able to serve during this trying time, so we encourage citizens to continue using our other services by mail, electronically, or by phone.”

If the public has questions on available services, or alternative methods of receiving assistance from the Sheriff's Office, we ask they go to our website at www.lewiscountywa.gov/sheriff, or contact us by phone at (360) 748-9286, or the Lewis County Jail at (360) 740-1344.

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