



Board of County Commissioners

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San Miguel County Manager

In response to Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's directive to all State agencies to accelerate remote work initiatives in the wake of the COVID-19 public health emergency and a temporary adjustment, and in some cases suspend, certain functions in order to minimize public health risk, County Manager Vidal Martinez has issued the following directive that will impact all County Offices as of 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 19th, 2020 **and will be re-assessed on Friday, March 27th.**

- County Administration Building, Finance, Clerk's, Assessor's, Treasurer's, Probate Judge will not provide direct services to the public. If the public has business with any of these offices, business will need to be conducted electronically via Email or through the mail or by telephone.
- San Miguel County will not accept cash payments at the Administrative Building. All payments for services, filing, recording and payment of taxes will need to be done via check, money order or credit card and through the mail.
- The Board of San Miguel County Commission meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 is still scheduled and will be assessed a week prior based on the direction from the State of New Mexico on the conditions of COVID-19.

San Miguel County apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. The safety and security of our employees and the public is our utmost concern. We ask that you to be patient in receiving responses, as we will be operating with limited staff, and response time may be a little longer than usual.

San Miguel County will continue to work with the State of New Mexico and the Federal Government in providing information to you as it becomes available through our website at www.co.sanmiguel.nm.us. As the public health experts have advised: social isolation is the most important strategy for containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19. We are hoping this will limit the opportunity for person to person contact and prevent the spread.

This directive will exclude the Sheriff's Office, San Miguel County Detention Center, Public Works, Solid Waste/Trash and the Road Department. As a reminder, if you have the symptoms identified, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, before going to your primary care doctor or to the emergency department, call the hotline for further directions - COVID-19 hotline at 1-855-600-3453.