

# Pima County Sheriff's Department

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

Mark D. Napier, Sheriff

## **Closure of Public Lobbies**

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Due to current health concerns with COVID-19, The Pima County Sheriff's Department has implemented the following change:

- The front lobbies of Sheriff's Department Headquarters Building, Records Unit and Patrol District Offices (Ajo, Foothills, Green Valley, Rincon, San Xavier, and Tucson Mountain District Offices) will be closed to the public, effective immediately.
- Areas with closed lobbies will continue to provide services using telephonic and electronic communications.
- The Sheriff's Department is mandated by Law and the courts to provide some public services at its facilities. Due to these requirements, the lobbies for the Civil Unit, the Forensics Unit, the Vehicle Impound Unit, and the Property and Evidence Unit will remain open. These units will take steps to use appropriate personal protective equipment and hygiene practices to minimize any exposure.

These temporary changes are intended to support current CDC guidance related to COVID-19 to provide for appropriate social distancing and potential unnecessary exposure. This is also consistent with guidance we are getting from Pima County Public Health and our Senior Advisor, former Surgeon General Richard Carmona.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department continues to work in partnership with our community and surrounding agencies to provide effective and professional public safety services with integrity, honor and compassion.

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