



# Bath County Sheriff's Office

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### **Bath County Sheriff's Office practicing social distancing by filing certain reports over the phone:**

- Bath County Sheriff's Office will modify its services in an effort to help reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19 by following public health recommendations to limit close contact with people when possible.
- Our deputies will continue to respond to all **emergency** calls following standard procedures. However, we have implemented response changes that include giving the callers the option to file a report by phone for certain non-emergency, non-violent, or non-criminal calls that have already happened. This will eliminate the need for an in-person response from a deputy in some instances.
- Any required investigation and other follow-up procedures will not change.
- Deputies have been encouraged to practice social distancing and may ask people to step outside to talk with them about an incident.
- These slight changes to the procedures will minimize the risk of our deputies spreading germs to others and help keep our community members and deputies healthy.
- The response to COVID-19 is rapidly evolving and the Bath County Sheriff's Office is working to do our part in protecting the community and keeping our citizens safe and healthy.

We would like to thank you all for your cooperation and understanding during this difficult time. We want to reassure you that the Bath County Sheriff's Office is here to protect and serve our community.