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Due to health and safety concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and to limit exposure and spread of the disease, the Justice of the Peace office will have extremely limited operations until further notice.

<u>Court staff will be available by phone and email, Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm, and Friday</u> 8:30am – Noon. There will not be any walk-in assistance at this time.

To ensure you do not miss a court notice, please contact the court by phone or email. Always verify your current mailing address, contact phone number and email address.

TICKETS/CLASS C MISDEMEANORS

For traffic/Class C citations with an appearance date after March 27th, 2020, the appearance date will be extended to May 8, 2020. Review your citation carefully, it contains valuable information.

If you must make a payment, we encourage the following payment options: (1) Online payment with debit or credit card. At <u>www.co.morris.tx.us</u>, County Offices, Justice of the Peace, Pay online, Bureau Code (see below), begin payment. Or, <u>www.certifiedpayments.net</u>, Bureau Code (see below), begin payment. (2) If you're not able to make an online payment, you may pay with a money order using the court's dropbox located at the office door. Any payments or correspondence should include name, date of birth, phone number & case number (if available). This box will be emptied daily & has adequate security camera coverage to be safe.

CIVIL CASES (DEBT CLAIMS, SMALL CLAIMS, EVICTIONS, ETC.)

All civil hearings (including debt claim, small claims and eviction cases) are cancelled until the State of Disaster is lifted at which time the court will reschedule hearings and will send notice to parties by mail.

If you are a landlord: If you are filing a new eviction case, please be advised that the normal time frames for holding the eviction hearing will be extended to a date after the state of disaster is lifter. The court will not issue any citations for service on eviction cases during this time.

Writs of Possession may be requested, but will not be issued until after May 8, 2020.

MAGISTRATION, OTHER CASES OR CIRCUMSTANCES

Jail magistration, arraignments and bond amounts will be reviewed daily.

Contact the court if you have any questions or concerns about your case or current circumstance. Phone messages and emails will be answered within 24 – 48 hours if at all possible.

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In case of emergency, contact Morris County Sheriff office 903-645-2232 for assistance