Although there are few known cases of coronavirus in Vance County, we must be proactive and take precautions now to mitigate the spread of the virus in our community. Law Enforcement, like healthcare is going to be an essential function during the current state of emergency. In order to maintain a high level of public safety, the Vance County Sheriff's Office has implemented minor adjustments in our operating procedures to ensure that we can continue to provide the core services to our community.

Effective immediately, many non-violent criminal reports will only be taken by telephone. These reports include, but are not limited to: misdemeanor theft, harassing communications, lost property, identity theft, and computer/phone/mail scams. Reports can be made with a Sheriff's Office employee during normal operating hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday) at 252-738-2200.

Our Emergency Management Center (911) will be asking more questions in order to obtain a wide range of information from callers for the deputies who will be responding to calls. This is so our deputies can take more proactive steps, and will not affect our response to your calls for service. Please do not call 911 to ask questions about the coronavirus. There is a 211 number set up for that. There is also a FAQ section on the NC Department of Health and Human Services website that may have the answer you need.

The front lobby of the Sheriff's Office will only allow one person inside at a time until further notice.

The Vance County Sheriff's Office will continue to monitor the Vance County Detention Center to limit the exposure to inmates and staff. We have suspended visitation until further notice to ensure the safety and well-being of our staff and detainees.

The Vance County Sheriff's Office will continue to do its part to serve you during these difficult times and wants to assure you that the safety of our community is our top priority.

Governor Cooper has issued a series of Executive Orders regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). On March 27, 2020 he issued a state-wide stay at home order. That order mandates that everyone should stay home and maintain the social distancing unless their travel is an emergency or they are considered essential personnel for an essential employer. The Vance County Sheriff’s Office encourages everyone to abide by the stay at home order so that we can limit the spread of this virus.

With respect to religious gatherings, civic organizations, and gatherings of more than 10 people, those activities need to be discontinued for the duration of the stay at home order. There are alternative methods available, using social media, computer/phone applications, conference calls, and so forth. Please find an alternative that works for your organization, allows you to reach your membership, and allows you to be compliant with the Governor’s orders and maintain safety.

With patience and care, we will get through this crisis. Please be safe.