

April 16, 2020

PRESS RELEASE

Today is April 16, 2020 and this is a 12:00 update. I appreciate everyone's interest in seeing these updates and sharing them with your friends and families.

First, your county officials are working to relax some of the restrictions currently in place that have limited access to the Courthouse. Our goal is to eliminate the "appointment only" restriction on Friday, May 1st. We do anticipate other restrictions being placed such as, distancing, having temperatures taken, and the encouragement of citizens using facial protection (masks) while in the Courthouse.

There are three (3) items on this update:

1. Eliminating Restriction to Courthouse Access and Operations
2. Not Re-Opening Public Schools
3. Mass Drive-Thru Testing This Week

You will hear more about our lifting of current restrictions in future updates, understanding that on May 1st, the "appointment only" restriction is anticipated to be lifted.

Second, as you probably are aware by now, Governor Bill Lee has requested that school systems not be reopened the remainder of this school year.

Third, Roane County has a large scale drive-thru testing site established at RSCC (Roane State Community College) on Sunday, April 19th from 9:00-4:00 pm. Rain or shine, anyone can be tested. Testing is FREE and there are no restrictions.

I hope you and your family are doing well. Be patient with us as we begin the process of opening back up business and government services.

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