



# WILLIAMS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Williams Police Department Modifies its Operations

For Immediate Release

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Beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the Williams Police Department will be closing its front desk and walk-up services until further notice. This move is an effort to ensure social distancing and do our part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Rather than coming to the Police Department, we are asking the public to call us at (530) 473-2661, or email us at [info@williamspd.net](mailto:info@williamspd.net). Our front office staffing levels have not changed and the emails will be monitored from 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

There will be some exemptions to the closures for specific business that requires an in-person meeting, including but not limited to vehicle/property releases and the registering of offenders as required by law

Rest assured, we will still respond to crimes in progress or a crime in need of immediate follow-up. Our Police Officers may also use their discretion in responding to calls for services that require social contact. Officers may call the reporting party and take necessary reports over the phone.

These new guidelines will greatly reduce contact between members of the public and Department personnel, hopefully ensuring the health and well-being of our workforce and members of the public.

The Williams Police Department is committed to providing professional service for our community and keeping our employees healthy, this temporary procedure is critical as we continue to protect and serve the citizens of Williams.

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