



## **Sherman County District Attorney's Office**

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COVID-19 Update

The mission of the Sherman County District Attorney's Office is to preserve the safety of the community and to seek justice. In furtherance of that mission, protecting the health and safety of the public and our employees is a priority. Accordingly, we are collaborating with our community partners to balance the needs of the public health and public safety as work to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

We are evaluating our response on a daily basis to ensure that our actions are consistent with recommendations for the United States Centers for Disease Control, Oregon Health Authority, North Central public health agencies. In accordance with guidance from those experts, we strongly urge all members of the public to stay home if you are feeling sick, if you have been exposed to COVID-19, or if you are in a high risk category.

During this time, the Sherman County District Attorney's Office will be working with our courts and law enforcement agencies to limit the amount of in-person contact that occurs within the Sherman County Courthouse. In accordance with the order issued yesterday by the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, nearly all in-person court appearances are being postponed or conducted via telephone or other virtual method.

- If you are scheduled to appear in court, contact the Sherman County Circuit Court or the District Attorney's Office to find out the status of the hearing.
- If you are a Grand Juror or a witness subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury, please contact the District Attorney's Office. Grand Jury must go forward in order for the criminal justice system to properly function.
- If you are a defendant in a pending criminal case, please contact your attorney.
- If you feel sick or have been exposed to COVID-19, please do not come to the courthouse.

We appreciate things will not be "business as usual" for a while. However, if we proceed with compassion, patience, and follow good information, our strength as a community will bring us through this challenging time.