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FROM: SALINE COUNTY & THE CITY OF SALINA

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

In response to COVID-19 guidelines, The City of Salina and Saline County have implemented a modified approach to direct public interaction at all of their City and County offices located at the City/County Building at 300 W. Ash Street.

Effective tomorrow, Friday, March 20th, Saline County is implementing "appointment only" access for the public at the City/County building for two weeks (subject to extension). Citizens and visitors to any City or County office must call ahead to make an appointment.

City/County Building – 300 W. Ash:

- All entrance to the building will be through the North (ramp) entrance only.
- All other doors will be locked.
- A Sheriff's deputy will be posted at the entrance.
- Visitors must make an appointment with the respective office before being allowed into the building.

All Other City & County Locations:

- All entrances will be locked.
- Visitors must make an appointment with an individual employee in advance.
- Visitors must call the employee upon arrival to be admitted into the building.

Exceptions:

The controlled access portion of the lobby at the Salina Police Department, 255 N. 10th St., will remain open. However, individuals who visit the lobby will first speak to a staff member, who will then determine whether in-person contact with an officer is necessary.

The Saline County Jail lobby will remain open to facilitate video visitation and posting of bonds.

Screening questions for COVID-19 and illness will be done at each building. Anyone who is displaying symptoms or illness will not be allowed access to the building. It is our highest priority to keep our citizens and staff free from exposure to this disease. In doing so, we are asking for your patience and understanding as we modify our normal business practices. We have attached a comprehensive City & County Department phone list to this release.

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