



Brown County Sheriff's Office

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Press Release

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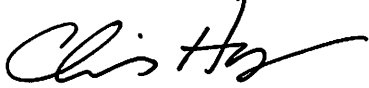
On March 9, 2020 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Ohio Executive Order 2020-01D which declared a state of emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19 (coronavirus). In order to maintain safe and efficient operations of the Brown County Sheriff's Office while continuing service to the citizens of Brown County we will be making the following operational changes.

- Calls that can be handled by telephone will be done so to minimize direct contact and control the spread of the virus. The Brown County Sheriff's Office will continue to patrol and respond to calls for service by Brown County residents.
- Implement screening procedures for staff reporting for duty consistent with Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections guidelines.
- Implement screening procedures and necessary quarantine of current and incoming detainees consistent with Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections guidelines.
- Any persons already registered through the Ohio Sex Offender, Arson, and Violent Offender Registry must now complete their registration by telephone at (937)378-4435*112. Anyone new to the registry is required to respond to the sheriff's office in person.
- All public records request will be processed by telephone or email. Email record requests may be sent to records@bcoso.us and will be processed in the order they are received.
- Anyone needing to renew a current Concealed Carry (CCW) Permit may do so by appointment only. New Concealed Carry Permit background checks will not be performed at this time.
- Background checks will be done by appointment only. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (937)378-4435*112 or *104.

- Money Orders for Inmate Accounts will no longer be accepted in person. All money orders must be mailed to the Brown County Adult Detention Center at 750 Mt. Orab Pike, Georgetown, OH 45121.

The operational changes stated in this Special Directive will remain in effect until the State of Emergency has been lifted and/or the directive has been updated.

Questions concerning this special order will be directed to Acting Sheriff Hodges or Captain Meyer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Hodges". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and the last name "Hodges" clearly distinguishable.

Acting Sheriff Christopher Hodges