

By Order of Judge W. Chapman Goodwin, Chief Judge of the 25th Circuit, on Friday, March 13, Augusta County Sheriff's Deputies began asking visitors if they have traveled overseas in the past 30 days, do they currently have or recently have they had a fever, are they currently feeling ill, and have they been ill in the past 21 days. If individuals answer yes to any of these questions, they are not allowed to enter the Augusta County Courthouse. They are asked to complete a short form regarding their request, and the proper Clerk of Circuit Court staff member will contact them by telephone or email.

By Further Notice by Augusta County Clerk of Circuit Court R. Steven Landes on Monday, March 30, the public is now required to make an appointment for accessing certain services provided by the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office. For those needing assistance with civil filings, including complaints, petitions, divorces, name changes, or restoration of firearms, an appointment needs to be made by calling the Clerk's Office. When applying for a Concealed Handgun Permit, individuals will first need to complete the application, which can be done online and then printed, make an appointment, and bring the application with them, and other required documents. For renewal and replacement Concealed Handgun Permits an application can be filled out online and then printed and mailed with a copy of a driver's license and the current permit along with a \$40.00 check to the Clerk's Office.

In addition, those applying for marriage licenses, Notary qualifications, administration of oaths, recordation of military discharge papers, and appointment of ministers and others to perform marriage ceremonies will need to make an appointment to enter the Augusta County Courthouse. Those needing assistance with probate and estate matters will continue to make appointments, as has been the practice in the past. Only those individuals appearing in their normal professional capacity who require access to the Clerk's Office will be allowed to enter without an appointment. This would include professionals recording deeds, and attorneys representing clients with civil or criminal matters or filings.