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HCPD to close lobby amid coronavirus pandemic

HAINES CITY, FL – In an effort to mitigate risks associated with COVID-19, the Haines City Police Department will be closing the lobby, effective immediately.

The agency will work with city, county and state officials to monitor the spread of the illness and decide when the time is appropriate to resume normal operations. Requests for records can be made at 863-421-3636 during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Earlier this month, the department took measures to protect officers. That includes eliminating greetings such as handshakes and hugs and taking reports for past-occurred crimes and incidents where there is no imminent danger to the public by phone rather than in person.

“As a law enforcement agency, the safety of the public and our staff is our highest priority,” Chief Jim Elensky said. “After careful consideration, we believe this was the best way to protect our residents, officers and to do our part to flatten the curve.”

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OUR MISSION

“To safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety while working with our diverse communities to improve their quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.”