

ORDER RE-OPENING BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the court's order of 01-15-2021 that Potter County buildings be closed to the public through 01-31-2021 will expire at 12:00 a.m. on 02-01-2021; and

WHEREAS, the court deems is unnecessary to extend said order at this time;

IT IS ORDERED, that all Potter County Buildings be opened to the public effective Monday morning, 02-01-2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all Potter County officials and employees may return to work on 02-01-2021, and are encouraged to do so, subject to exercise of the sound discretion and judgment of elected officials and department heads for whom those employees work, and the conditions noted below;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that effective 02-01-2021 Potter County's elected officials and department heads are vested with the discretion and authority to determine when it is appropriate to instruct employees to return to work on-site, and to instruct employees accordingly. Employees who are instructed to return to work on-site, and who decline to do so, will no longer occupy the status of an employee working remotely, or "engaged to be waiting", and will therefore no longer be eligible to receive regular compensation and benefits as though they are at work.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(a) That in considering when or whether to instruct an employee to return to work on-site, elected officials and department heads shall consider underlying medical or physical conditions reported by an employee that could render the employee vulnerable to serious illness in case of coronavirus infection. Upon determining that an employee is vulnerable, officials and department heads are authorized to allow the employee to continue to work remotely with full wages and benefits until it is deemed safe and medically appropriate for the employee to return to work on-site;

(b) That employees who: (a) are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 and seeking a medical diagnosis, or (b) have tested positive for coronavirus, **must not be allowed to return to work on-site**. Such employees may work remotely, if able.

SO ORDERED this 29th day of January, 2021.



Nancy Tanner, Potter County Judge