Blake Wilson Chief Deputy



Rowdy Sweet

Jail Administrator

Shane Jones Sheriff

Based on Recommendations from Health Officials and Risk Management Officials pertaining to the rise of the COVID-19 virus, Sheriff Jones has placed restrictions on those entering into the Pope County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Jones has made this difficult decision in the interest of public safety, the safety of our employees and detainees, and to help reduce the risk of the introduction and spread of COVID-19 into our facility.

The following measures have been put into place and will be in place until further notice as directed by Sheriff Jones:

- Fine payments will still be accepted, but citizens are encouraged to utilize the Online Fine Payment option if possible. www.myfinepayment.com
- Citizens who are sick or believe that they may have been exposed are asked to refrain from coming into the facility.
- 3. Video visitation will still be available in the Sheriff's Office lobby at this time.
- 4. Any essential individuals entering into the Detention Center will be required to answer a short questionnaire and have their temperature taken with a thermal temperature scanner. Anyone who has a potential risk factor will not be allowed to enter into the secured area of the facility.

The following services are being suspended, effective immediately.

- 1. Minister Visits.
- Fingerprinting.
- Church Services.
- 4. GED Classes.
- 5. Inmate property pickups.
- 6. Trustee and 309 contact visitations. (Video visitations will be allowed)
- 7. No items will be accepted that are dropped off for inmates.

These measures will remain in place as we monitor the COVID-19 event. The Pope County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center is working to stay abreast of any new protocols that may be issued by health officials, and will make any adjustments as needed. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sheriff Shane Jone