

The Honorable Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Franklin County Clerk of Courts

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## **Clerk of Courts Office responds to coronavirus**

Auto Title offices closed to the public, Legal offices operating at reduced capacity

There is no higher priority than the safety and well-being of our staff and the people we serve. In the interest of justice and the public health, the Franklin County Clerk of Courts will operate at reduced capacity with limited staff. This decision is consistent with decisions made by other government offices to combat the community spread of the coronavirus.

The Franklin County Clerk of Courts will be operating with the following schedule from Monday, March  $16^{th}$  – Sunday, March  $29^{th}$ :

Legal Divisions

Appeals, General and the Domestic Relations & Juvenile OPEN Monday - Friday 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Auto Title Division

**CLOSED** to the public

Auto dealer services will <u>not</u> be impacted. People in need of auto titling services are encouraged to mail the appropriate documentation and payment to the Auto Title South branch:

Auto Title South 45 Great Southern Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43207

For more information please visit <u>FranklinCountyAutoTitle.com</u> or call our Dedicated Auto Title Help Line at 614.525.3090 which will remain open Monday – Friday, 7 A.M. to 4 P.M.

To ensure an accurate transaction by mail, please call our Dedicated Auto Title Help Line and view our <u>Titling-By-Mail checklist</u>.

The Franklin County Clerk of Courts Office remains in close communication with the Board of Commissioners and the judges we serve. Any future decisions made by this Office will not come lightly.

We will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and update the public to any additional changes to our services on our website <u>Clerk.FranklinCountyOhio.gov</u> or you may call 614.525.3600.

The public is encouraged to conduct legal affairs online whenever possible.