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Lake County Clerk suspends passport processing

TAVARES, FL – In alignment with the U.S. Department of State's (DOS) announcement that there will be service interruptions in the processing of new passport applications, the Lake County Clerk's Office is suspending all passport application services until further notice.

With the public health measures currently in place to limit the spread of COVID-19, the U.S. DOS's Miami Passport Agency has stated that passport processing may be impacted, and expedited processing of passports is not currently being offered.

The U.S. DOS has issued a Global Level 4 Health Advisory to U.S. citizens, advising them to avoid all international travel at this time due to the global impact of the virus.



To make an appointment at the Miami Passport Agency for a qualified life-or-death emergency, you must call the National Passport Information Center at 1-877-487-2778 (1-888-874-7793 TDD/TTY) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, or 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information regarding emergency passport issuance, visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/passport-covid-19.html>

The Lake County Clerk's Office continues to provide essential services to the community at the Lake County Courthouse, located at 550 W. Main St., Tavares. The current operating hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For the latest information on delivery-of-service changes for the Lake County Clerk's Office due to COVID-19, visit www.LakeCountyClerk.org/covid, or follow the office on Facebook (www.Facebook.com/LakeClerk) and Twitter (www.Twitter.com/LakeClerk).

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