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By now, you've seen the headlines and heard the news. Communities across the country are closely monitoring the outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and following public health preparedness guidance. Part of that preparation includes maintaining a readily available blood supply for hospital patients. The last thing patients should have to worry about during this time is a shortage.

As the number of COVD-19 cases grow, so does the need for healthy blood donors. Right now, the American Red Cross strongly urges eligible donors to schedule their next appointment to donate blood.

Here's the good news: Donating blood is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood. If you are healthy and able, please come in to give. You can help change the headlines with a blood donation.

Saturday, March 21, 2020 Walmart in Sikeston, MO from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Missouri April 2020 Municipal Elections Postponed

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Due to concerns over the spread of the covid-19 coronavirus, Governor Mike Parson has postponed the April Municipal Elections until June.

Today, Missouri Governor Mike Parson issued an executive order to delay the April elections until June 2nd. Anyone who has already voted absentee will have their votes counted in June and voters may now request absentee ballots through May 20th.

If you are worried that you will be unable to vote on June 2nd, you may request an absentee ballot from the Secretary of State's Office.

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Riley, Stubbs & Cato LLC Makes Changes In Operations During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Dear Clients:

We are STILL working for you and are hopeful as we continue to serve you. However, due to the seriousness of COVID-19, we are discontinuing all face to face contact, meetings, and office conferences at this time. We understand this will be a change in our usual way of serving you, but we feel these changes are necessary for the safety of all our clients, our staff, and families.

As a result, we ask that you send your information electronically when possible. If you are not already a user of our online portal, **please email us at rscmail@rsccpa.com and** we will set you up to use our portal for a secure way to transfer documents and other data. If you need to drop off information and cannot send it electronically, you can do so but we will restrict your entry to our lobby only.

We will be happy to discuss your questions via phone or email but will NOT have face to face close interactions during this time.

We are looking forward to continuing to meet your accounting and tax needs but want to do it in a manner that is best to keep our clients, families, and community safe during this time. If you have questions, please contact us.

These procedures may change as we deal with how best to serve you and protect us all.

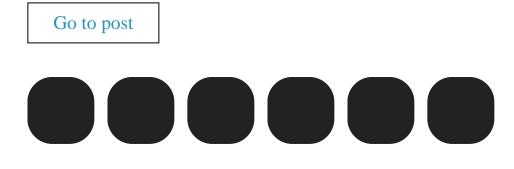
Thank you so much for your understanding.

Stay safe,

Riley, Stubbs & Cato LLC

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CountyWide Insurance Makes Changes In Operations During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Dexter, MO - Amid growing concerns for the COVID-19 Corona virus, CountyWide Insurance in Dexter is taking precautionary steps to keep our staff healthy so that we may continue to serve you.

"Our doors will remain closed during normal business hours, yet we will still be here for you," commented Alan Hedrick. "We ask that you contact us via phone, fax, or email."

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"If you need to leave something for us, a drop space is available at our drive thru and the dropbox located on the Northside of the building at 140 S. Walnut Street in Dexter, MO."

"Please direct any questions or issues to our staff members. We will be doing everything we can to continue business uninterrupted with a few minor changes in policy. Thank you for your patience as we continue to serve you," continued Hedrick.

What does this mean for our customers?

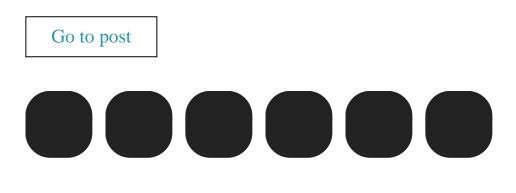
All of our offices will remain operational at this time with the doors locked. Our staff will continue to assist our customers from their office locations. You may reach our employees via phone, fax or email.

While we don't anticipate significant changes in our customer service levels, it is possible that some processes may not be as efficient as you have come to expect given the nature of our temporary employee workstations. Rest assured we will do everything we can to make this process as seamless as possible to our policyholders.

We remain committed to providing you with exemplary customer service and appreciate your consideration during this time.

If you traditionally make your payments in person with cash at one of our locations. We would encourage you to contact us about additional payment options. If this is not possible we will do our best to assist you.

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NewWave Communications Committed to Keeping Americans Connected

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Dexter, MO - NewWave Communications is dedicated to keeping American connected via the Internet. The following is a press release from NewWave Communications

The Keep Americans Connected Pledge reads as follows:

Given the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on American society, NewWave Communications pledges for the next 60 days to:

(1) not terminate service to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic;

(2) waive any late fees that any residential or small business customers incur because of their economic circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic; and

(3) open its Wi-Fi hotspots to any American who needs them.

The NewWave offices in Dexter, Poplar Bluff, and Piggott, AR now have Wi-Fi hotspots available for public use.

"In an effort to help ease the financial burden and provide continued connectivity for customers impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19), NewWave today announced that effective immediately, it will be making unlimited data available on all internet services for the next 30 days and waiving late fees for its customers for the next 60 days."

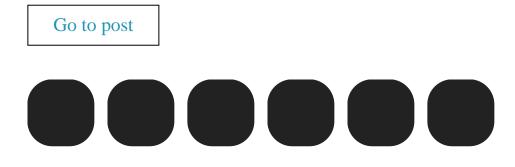
Additionally, NewWave is offering payment deferrals to customers who call to make arrangements. The company plans to reassess after 30 days based on the continued impact and evolving nature of the virus.

"We live and work in the communities we serve and these are our friends and neighbors impacted by effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19), so we want to do our part to help," said Julie Laulis, President and CEO. "We understand that our customers rely on their Internet service to stay connected to family, work, school and information, and we are committed to ensuring they receive the assistance they need during this time."

Customers can call 844-546-3278 for more information.

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