



Update on the Office of Planning (OP) Operating Status during COVID-19 Emergency

NOTICE: The Public Health Emergency is now in effect through April 24; schools and government will reopen on April 27.

What is our operating status?

Along with the rest of District government, our agency remains operational. We are operating on a telework status and have made some modification to how services are being provided which are listed below.

How does this impact what we do?

- **Historic Preservation permit review** will be completed online. For more information or to contact review staff, please visit preservation.dc.gov, email historic.preservation@dc.gov, or contact a known staff reviewer by email or phone.
- **Historic preservation inspections** will continue. To report illegal work, please fill out a request form at planning.dc.gov/node/886082 or email historic.preservation@dc.gov. Emergencies may always be reported to DC 311.
- **Chinatown sign permit review** will be completed online. For more information or to contact review staff, please contact planning@dc.gov.
- **Section 106 government project reviews** will continue as practical, with any public consulting party meetings scheduled at the discretion of the initiating agency. Please email historic.preservation@dc.gov for more information or contact a known staff reviewer by email or phone.
- **Case review for Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustment, Historic Preservation Review Board** will continue although these bodies will not be holding meetings between March 16th - 31st.

How does this impact our physical locations?

- OP offices located at 1100 4th Street, SW, Suite 650 East, Washington, DC 20024 are closed to the public between March 16th - 31st.

What else are we offering to meet your needs?

- OP will continue to communicate with stakeholders via planning.dc.gov, the OP email newsletter (sign up [here](#)) and social media including Twitter (@OPinDC) and Instagram (@op_indc).

What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Our employees are taking precautions to keep themselves healthy and limit the spread of infections like regularly washing their hands, cleaning facilities more frequently, and reducing close contact with each other and residents. Employees have been asked to let their supervisor know immediately if they feel sick.

Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions about any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at (202) 442-7600 planning@dc.gov. For more information, please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.