



Cochise Health & Social Services

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Cochise County's Third "Same-Day" Vital Records Location Opens June 5 in Douglas

The Cochise County Office of Vital Records ("OVR") is excited to announce it is expanding services once again by introducing same-day processing to the Douglas community. Beginning June 5, OVR will complete routine birth and death certificates "while-you-wait", or for pick-up later the same day, each Thursday from 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm.

The Vital Records Registrar will be located at Cochise Health and Social Services, 1012 N. G Ave., Ste. 101 in Douglas. Phone: 520-805-5600 Email: vitalrecords@cochise.az.gov.

It has been more than six years since OVR opened its first satellite location in Sierra Vista, and that has proven to be a hit with the public. After analyzing traffic and demographic statistics, Deputy County Registrar Jennifer Steiger concluded there is considerable demand for same-day service coming from Douglas and the surrounding communities. One recent study showed that 50% of Bisbee OVR volume and 15% of Sierra Vista volume originates from Douglas, Pirtleville and other areas in southeast Cochise County.

According to Deputy County Registrar Steiger, "We are doing this to further improve the services we provide and to increase accessibility to our services for the residents of Southeastern Cochise County. We have clearly established there is need for a consistent part-time presence for OVR in the Douglas area, and are happy to provide this service and continue our growth."

While same-day processing will be available in Douglas only on Thursdays, in-person applications may be made at any time during regular CHSS office hours (Monday-Friday 8 am – 5 pm). All applications made on Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays will be held and processed on the next Thursday, with final certificates sent by mail or held for pick-up.

For further information on the Cochise County Office of Vital Records, please contact Jennifer Steiger at 520 432 9400.

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On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Cochise Health and Social Services promotes health and quality of life for all Cochise County residents through education, service, and leadership. For more information, please visit our website at <http://cochise.az.gov/health>. Recent media releases may be viewed at <http://cochise.az.gov/healthnews>.

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