

West Virginia State Treasurer's Office encourages use of online services

CHARLESTON – With the most recent federal and state guidance to reduce the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the West Virginia State Treasurer's Office is encouraging people to use online resources or call for help with services over the next few weeks. At this time, all locations of the West Virginia State Treasurer's Office are closed to walk-in visitors, but all divisions remain operational including banking services, investment programs and unclaimed property.

People inquiring about unclaimed property or wanting to file a claim should use the "Search and Claim" options available at www.wvtreasury.com. People may also email the office at Eclaims_Support@wvsto.com or call and speak with a local representative at 1-800-642-8687.

"My office continues to monitor the latest information surrounding the spread of coronavirus, and our goal is the safety and wellbeing of our employees, our business partners, and the public," said West Virginia State Treasurer John Perdue. "While many are spending more time at home and practicing safe social distancing, I strongly encourage people to take time now to search and submit for unclaimed property. It only takes a few minutes and it could result in more money being put back in the pockets of rightful owners."

Over the next few weeks, newspapers around the state will continue to distribute "Discover", a newspaper insert containing approximately 15,000 previously unpublished names of West Virginians due unclaimed property. People who see their name or the name of a loved one in the bulletin have several options to receive assistance without visiting the office.

Again, people can email Eclaims_Support@wvsto.com or visit the Treasurer's Office online at www.wvtreasury.com. Paper claim forms are also available inside the "Discover" bulletin and on the website to download and print. Paper forms may be filled out and mailed to the address listed on the form. You can also call to schedule an appointment, if needed.

Unclaimed property is any financial asset from which the owner has become unintentionally separated. Examples include forgotten utility deposits, left-behind final paychecks or life insurance benefits.