

State of Michigan



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The District Court
16th Judicial District
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DAILY AMENDMENTS AND UPDATES**
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COVID-19 Update from the 16th District Court

In response to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's declaration of a state of emergency and Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack's recommendations for courts, and Mayor Maureen Brosnan's announcement on March 18, 2020, **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2526, 2020-5, the 16th District Court has hereby adopted the following Emergency Policy with the Stay at Home order that was executed while continuing to provide critical judicial services in order to protect the rights and health of all people who have business with the court. The court will be closed to the public with restricted staff available from 8:30AM to 12:30PM, Monday through Thursday to perform essential services. The court will be closed on Fridays.** During this closure, only essential services will be performed by the court pursuant to our emergency operational plan. Court phone lines will remain open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with the main number (734)466-2500. **This closure is in effect until May 15, 2020 or until further notice.**

Notice of the court closure shall be given to the public, the courts funding unit, and other affected agencies and officials. Notice shall include a sign posted at the door.

CRIMINAL MATTERS

1. All felony and misdemeanor in-custody matters will be handled via the Polycom (video conferencing system).
2. All prisoner transport for court matters has been suspended and all in-custody matters will be handled via the Polycom system.
3. All scheduled and walk-in arraignments have been adjourned and contacts are being made by MIDC attorneys to discuss their case and schedule Virtual Court Hearing using Zoom and YouTube Live.
4. Any individuals with outstanding warrants are to report to the Livonia Police Department to post bond and receive a future hearing date. The police department may be reached at (734)466-2470.
5. Jury selection and jury trials have been cancelled until further notice.

6. All regular misdemeanor pretrials have been adjourned and attorneys are being contacted by the City Prosecutor to discuss the matter and offer Virtual Court Hearing using Zoom and YouTube Live,
7. All sentencing matters have been adjourned and sentencings are being held using Virtual Court Hearing using Zoom and YouTube Live starting Monday, May 4, 2020.
8. Any cases in a warrant status due to failure to pay fines and costs can be addressed online (<https://www.courtinnovations.com/MID16>).

CIVIL INFRACTIONS

9. All civil infraction hearings including traffic, parking and zoning infractions will be adjourned a minimum of 30 days. If a case is being adjourned, notifications are being sent with available options to handle the hearings remotely or later.
10. The public is encouraged to utilize the online mediation portal available on our website for eligible infractions (<https://www.courtinnovations.com/MID16>).
11. The court will continue to process payments made online through our website (<https://16thdistrictcourt.com>) , by mail, or at the drop box located in the Livonia Police department lobby.

PROBATION

12. Probation appointments have been adjourned. Probationers should contact the probation office if they have not been contacted or received a call for further instructions. The rescheduling of appointments shall be at the discretion of the Probation Officers and communicated to each probationer in a timely manner.
13. All evening reporting to probation has been adjourned. Reporting forms are available online at <https://16thdistrictcourt.com> or in the lobby of the Livonia Police Department at the Court drop box.
14. All violations of probation hearings have been rescheduled.
15. The work program has been cancelled until further notice
16. All Formal and Informal Drug Court hearings are being held remotely by phone in a court recorded setting.
17. All alcohol and drug testing continues as directed by the probation department. If you are subject to drug testing and your testing agency is closed, you must contact the probation department at 734-466-2550 for further instructions.
18. The CHANGES support group meeting for probationers has been cancelled until further notice.

CIVIL MATTERS

19. All jury trials, bench trials, civil motions, mediations, small claims and post-judgement collection discovery exams have been adjourned and all parties will be notified for new dates.

20. The Court will continue to accept pleadings sent to the Court via U.S. mail with the necessary filing fees.

LANDLORD-TENANT MATTERS

21. Summary proceedings, hearings and trials will be adjourned a minimum of 30 days with all parties to be sent notices to appear with a new assigned date.

22. All Orders of Eviction executed by this Court, at any time prior to March 20, 2020 shall be suspended, without the necessity of a Judge's signature, as such no evictions shall proceed until after **May 15, 2020 or until further order.**

WEDDINGS

23. All wedding ceremonies will be rescheduled to a later date.

For updated information please consult the Court's website at <https://16thdistrictcourt.com>

Online payments for fines may be made on the Court's website. You may also contact the court at 734-466-2500. The 16th District Court will adjust this policy as the situation warrants based on advice from health officials and State Government.



Sean P. Kavanagh, Chief District Judge



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