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## **COVID-19 Update**

In light of the current State of Emergency and the measures being taken at every level of government, including the Michigan Supreme Court, Chief Judge James M. Biernat, Jr., has directed the following for the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court:

- (1) To the extent legally permissible, all motions/hearings should either be adjourned; be conducted remotely (via phone, polycom, etc.); or be decided on the briefs alone.
- (2) All arraignments for in custody defendants will be handled remotely by the Chief Judge.
- (3) Only necessary jury trials will be conducted until further notice.
- (4) All case evaluations will be conducted remotely.
- (5) All payments to the court should be made electronically or via U.S. Mail. No late fees will be assessed until further notice.
- (6) To the extent that any judge has adopted additional measures not inconsistent with these measures and permissible by law, judge-specific information will be available on each individual judge's website.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court continues to review their procedures and make changes to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. The Court will provide updates if additional changes are implemented. The public is asked to check our website at <https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/Circuitcourt-Home>. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this public health emergency.

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