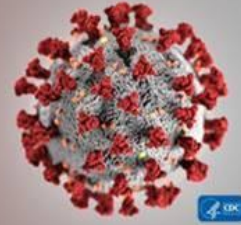


Updates on COVID-19 and Court Operations

What justices, judges and circuit court clerks need to know



CDC: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) ▪ Kentucky Public Health: [COVID-19](#) ▪ KCOJ: [COVID-19 and the Courts](#)

Update for March 12, 2020

Justices, Judges and Circuit Court Clerks:

Supreme Court restricts court proceedings to observe social distancing Order effective March 16-April 10

Many of you have questions concerning the impact of COVID-19 on your courts. Yesterday I offered guidance on isolation and quarantine in Section 4.10 of the "[Public Health Law Judicial Reference Guide for Kentucky Courts](#)." Today I want to provide a Supreme Court order that further details how to conduct court business during this emergency.

Supreme Court Order Effective March 16-April 10

Numerous events are being canceled as public health officials stress social distancing as a way to mitigate the outbreak. Because large numbers of people come through our judicial centers each day, we must do our part to minimize social contact. After careful consideration, the Supreme Court has issued an order that calls for restrictions on dockets, jury trials and jury service from March 16-April 10.

The complete order is attached.

Pandemic Response Plan

We are also hard at work on a Pandemic Response Plan that will supplement our existing Emergency Management Plan. This plan will address court operations during a public health crisis and I'll share more information about that as soon as possible.

Calling for Calm Leadership

It's important that you continue to provide fact-based information and calm leadership to court personnel and others who come before the courts. We must deal with this pandemic in a way that ensures justice for the citizens of the commonwealth while protecting the health of our employees and the public.

Please email your questions to covid19@kycourts.net.

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