

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF HARDIN
9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

GENERAL ORDER

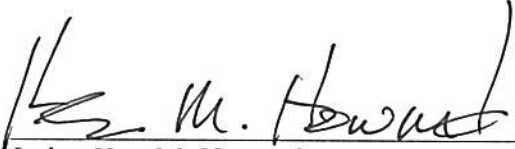
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Pursuant to the authority provided in SCR 1.040, other applicable law, and compliant with the Guidelines for COVID precautions in “Red Zones” issued by the Chief Justice of Kentucky dated October 29, 2020 the following GENERAL ORDER is hereby entered applicable to the Hardin County Justice Center, 120 East Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, KY since Hardin County is currently designated as a “Red Zone”:

- 1. Court Proceedings.** All court proceedings shall be conducted remotely.
- 2. Jury Trials.** Jury trials shall be postponed until Hardin County returns to the yellow zone.
- 3. Offices of Circuit Court Clerk.** Circuit clerks shall close their offices to in-person services. All filings shall be mailed, eFiled or conventionally filed using a drop box provided outside the judicial facility (current drop box in vestibule shall continue). All payments for court costs, fines, fees and restitution shall be made by money order mailed to the Office of Hardin Circuit Court Clerk or by cash or credit card by calling the office..
- 4. Access to Court Facilities.** Access to court facilities shall be limited to attorneys and parties required to attend emergency, in-person hearings and individuals seeking emergency protective orders, interpersonal protective orders and emergency custody orders.
- 5. Masks and Social Distancing.** Proper use of facial coverings and social distancing while in court facilities shall be strictly enforced.
- 6. Teleworking.** All KCOJ employees who are able to telework shall be encouraged to do so.

7. Effective Date. This General Order shall be effective Monday, November 2, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and shall continue thereafter unless modified or terminated by further General Order.

So Ordered the 30th day of October, 2020.



Judge Ken M. Howard
Chief Judge, Hardin Circuit Court