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### **Update for March 11, 2020**

Justices, Judges and Circuit Court Clerks:

#### **Legal guidance on handling isolation and quarantine orders**

I will be sending regular updates on how COVID-19 is affecting court operations and many of these messages will be sent to all elected and non-elected court personnel. Other notices, such as this one, are pertinent only to our elected officials.

Some of you may receive information about isolation and quarantine orders from your local health department and have related questions. You can find guidance on isolation and quarantine in Section 4.10 of the [“Public Health Law Judicial Reference Guide for Kentucky Courts.”](#) The University of Louisville prepared this guide on legal topics related to public health for Kentucky judges and the Kentucky Judicial Education Committee reviewed it.

#### **Working on Updates to Reference Guide**

The U of L reference guide was last updated in 2006 after the Kentucky General Assembly passed public health legislation in 2005. Some of our judges will review and update this reference guide and we anticipate circulating a revised version in the coming weeks.

We are continuing to work on a Pandemic Response Plan, which will detail how to continue court operations during a public health crisis.

#### **Email Your Questions to [covid19@kycourts.net](mailto:covid19@kycourts.net)**

To give our elected officials one primary contact about COVID-19 and the courts, we ask that you email your questions to [covid19@kycourts.net](mailto:covid19@kycourts.net) and someone from the Administrative Office of the Courts will get back to you as quickly as possible.

#### **Resources**

- Kentucky Department for Public Health website: [COVID-19](#)

- Kentucky Court of Justice website: [COVID-19 and the Courts](#)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

I appreciate your leadership as we all work together to handle this situation.

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