



COVID-19 and the Courts

An update from Chief Justice Minton

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Update for April 24, 2020

Justices, Judges, Circuit Court Clerks and Kentucky Court of Justice Personnel:

Supreme Court issues additional guidance on handling court matters during pandemic

The Supreme Court has issued additional guidance on handling court matters during the pandemic. [Administrative Order 2020-28](#), dated April 24, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-22, dated April 14, 2020.

This order remains in effect through May 31, 2020, and does the following:

- Clarifies that the suspension of evictions does not excuse an individual's obligation to pay rent or comply with other obligations under tenancy.
- Advises attorneys, to the extent possible, to continue to prepare and litigate cases to minimize delay upon expiration of the order.
- Suspends grand jury proceedings through the expiration of the order.
- Suspends the 60-day period in RCr 5.22(3) from March 16, 2020, until the expiration of the order.
- Encourages judges to give priority in setting hearing and trial dates to cases where the defendant is in custody and proceedings have been suspended by the Supreme Court's response to the COVID-19 emergency.

I appreciate your patience and flexibility as we continue to adapt during this state of emergency. You can email your questions to covid19@kycourts.net and find updates at [COVID-19 and the Courts](#).



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