



Declaration of State of Emergency- Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Subject: Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) by the 20th Circuit Court and Ottawa County Probate Court

Ottawa County, MI – The Chief Judges of the 20th Circuit and Ottawa County Probate Courts, acting pursuant to Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-1, MCR 8.110(C)(2)(c) and (3)(C), and recognizing the states of emergency declared by the President and the Governor, hereby order **the 20th Judicial Circuit of Michigan (20th Circuit Court) and Ottawa County Probate Court shall remain open to serve the public, but shall limit activities to essential operations**, as follows:

20th Circuit Court – Trial Division

Felony criminal matters at the Ottawa County Courthouse, Grand Haven, including:

- arraignments on the information for incarcerated defendants
- emergency bond motions
- proceedings related to the arraignments on bench warrants and of probationers arrested on warrants for violations of probation
- trials for incarcerated defendants only
- scheduled sentencings for incarcerated defendants
- hearings on matters at the discretion of the assigned judge

Civil proceedings heard at the Ottawa County Courthouse, Grand Haven:

- requests for emergency show cause and injunctive orders
- Business Court emergencies
- infectious disease cases
- initiation of personal protection orders (PPOs)
- hearings on denied PPOs
- arraignments on alleged violations of PPOs
- hearings for PPO Respondents not able to make bail following an arraignment
- parental waivers
- motions to terminate PPOs
- approving and/or hearing emergency hearings at the discretion of the assigned Judge
- the signing or preparing of any emergency orders necessary for the safety and well-being of a litigant or child, at the discretion of the assigned Judge