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Effective Date: March 16, 2020

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY COURTS OPEN FOR LIMITED PURPOSE FOR
ESSENTIAL SERVICES ONLY DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

IT IS ORDERED:

This Local Administrative Order (LAO) is issued in accordance with MCR 8.110(C) and Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-1. The purpose of this order is to define the limited services offered by the Livingston County Courts during the current public health emergency.

All, Livingston County Courts, business offices, the Friend of the Court, and all Court facilities for the 44th Circuit, 53rd District and Livingston County Probate Court located at 204 S. Highlander Way in Howell and 224 N. First St. in Brighton, will REMAIN OPEN FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES ONLY until Sunday, April 5, 2020. Essential services shall include the following:

53rd District Court:

- In-custody weekday arraignments;
- To the extent possible, previously scheduled in-custody hearings;
- Hearings on emergency matters at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

44th Circuit Court:

- In-custody arraignments;
- To the extent possible, previously scheduled in-custody hearings;
- The initiation of personal protection orders (PPOs);
- Hearings on denied PPOs and violation of PPOs;
- Emergency bond motions;
- Emergency domestic motions;
- Requests for emergency show cause and injunctive orders;
- Infectious disease cases; and
- Hearings on emergency matters at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

Juvenile Court:

- Hearings involving in-custody juveniles;
- Preliminary/emergency hearings involving child protective proceedings and/or PPOs;
- Waiver hearings for youth to be charged as or the rights attributed to an adult; and
- Hearings on emergency matters at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

Probate Court:

- Emergency mental health hearings and petitions for pick up orders;
- Emergency proceedings for guardianships and conservatorships;
- Emergency orders and/or hearings on warning notices pursuant to MCL 333.5203
- Hearings on emergency matters at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

Only essential clerking operations will be processed during the time period covered by this LAO. Please refrain from contacting the Court regarding ordinary business issues until Sunday, April 5, 2020. In person paper filings will not be accepted. Essential filings shall be made by email, fax, or through the U.S. mail. There will also be a drop box at the entrance of the Judicial Center in Howell for essential filings only.

All emergency motions for the District Court identified above should be emailed to: DistrictCourtHowell@livgov.com or faxed to: (517) 548-9445.

All emergency motions for the Circuit Court and proposed emergency orders, identified above, including PPOs, should be emailed to: wclerks@livgov.com or faxed to: (517) 548-4219. Forms can be accessed at <https://www.livgov.com/courts/circuit/clerk/>

All emergency motions for the Juvenile Court identified above should be emailed to: juvenilecourt@livgov.com or faxed to: (517) 546-3731.

All emergency motions for the Probate Court identified above should be emailed to: probatecourt@livgov.com or faxed to: (517) 552-2510.

Whenever possible, emergency hearings will be conducted using Zoom technology so that parties and counsel can appear without physically entering the courthouse unless otherwise determined necessary by the Court. If Zoom is otherwise unavailable and in the interest of public health, only the following individuals shall be permitted to enter Livingston County Court facilities during the time period covered by this LAO:

- Parties and essential case participants to hearings referenced above;
- Parents of in-custody juveniles for the hearings referenced above;
- Parties' counsel for the hearings referenced above;
- Judges, referees, judicial staff and Court Administrators;
- Essential Court and County staff (including facilities cleaning staff); and
- Essential law enforcement.


Treatment Courts shall be temporarily suspended. Probationers shall report to their probation officer/agent by telephone as directed.

Nothing in this LAO precludes the Livingston County Courts from making case-by-case exceptions in the interest of justice and at the discretion of the Court after consultation with counsel and/or self-represented litigants.

Notice of the Courts' Closure Plan and instructions regarding how emergency matters and filings shall be accomplished during the closure shall be given to the public, the Courts' funding unit, and other affected agencies and officials. Notice shall include a sign posted at all Court facilities as well as on the Courts' websites.

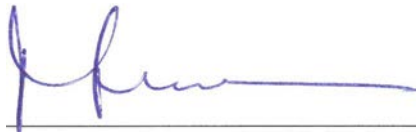
Effective Date: March 16, 2020 through Sunday, April 5, 2020 or until further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Hon. Michael P. Hatty, Chief Judge of Circuit & District

March 16, 2020
Date



Hon. Miriam A. Cavanaugh, Chief Judge of Probate

3/16/2020
Date