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Genesee County Probate and Circuit Courts
Phase I Re-opening Process to Begin

On Monday, June 22, 2020, the Probate and Circuit Courts will begin the process of returning to full operations.

The Michigan Supreme Court established a statewide phased re-opening plan which requires local courts to submit proposed orders of operation for approval.

Phase I will permit judges to schedule on site court events with courtroom participants limited to 10 or less. Public court proceedings will continue to be livestreamed for public access via [YouTube](#).

Judges and Referees will also continue to conduct remote court proceedings by zoom conferencing.

Jury trial activity continues to be deferred until a later phase of the re-opening process.

Effective June 22, 2020 the public entrance will be the Beach Street point of access and will be limited to: (1) individuals with a scheduled court proceeding or appointment (2) who are able to pass a short set of health screening questions and (3) wear a face mask or other covering.

The Courts have undertaken significant changes in facility operations to include signs underscoring the need to continue social distancing and frequent hand washing.

Phase II, when implemented, will permit increased members of the public to be present at court proceedings. Duncan M. Beagle, Chief Judge of the Genesee County Probate Court and 7th Judicial Circuit Court, has approved all orders permitting the re-opening of court facilities.

"The judges have worked every day throughout the period of public closure using remote conferencing and even telephone conferencing. Beagle went on to say, "It will be satisfying to welcome back the public, as we move toward a full re-opening of the Courts."

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