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To: Practicing Attorneys

From: Judge Duncan Beagle

Date: June 17, 2020

Subject: Phase 1, Limited Court Reopening of the Genesee County

Courthouse

On Monday, June 22, 2020, the Genesee County Circuit Court will begin Phase 1 of the reopening process. Please be advised of some important information regarding the Courthouse, operations, and what you may expect during this time.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- Public admitted only if (1) party or attorney present for court proceeding, or (2) present for an appointment that has been made in advance with juvenile services, or a judicial office.
- Social distancing in the court rooms should be maintained, and face coverings should be worn for in-person proceedings.
- The Beach Street entrance will remain the single point of entry to the Court. There will be health screening questions at the public entrance.
  Face coverings are required for all visitors, and will not be provided by the Court. If someone is turned away, an informational card will be provided with judicial office numbers and other contact information.
- Starting June 22nd July 31st, the Circuit Court will be closed on Fridays.

## **DOMESTIC MATTERS:**

Monday Motions: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE of the Court, beginning 6/22/20, ALL Monday motions (Judgments, contested motions, Prosecutor support cases, PPOS, etc.) will be heard via ZOOM. Parties are NOT to appear in person unless directed by the Court.

Please make sure your clients identify themselves by their name when they check in for a hearing. Also, appropriate court attire is still required, along with minimal background distractions.

Tuesday Mandatory Settlement Conferences / Contested Pre-trials: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE of the Court, beginning 6/22/20, will be conducted via Zoom -OR - conference telephone call. Check with judicial offices to confirm. Parties are NOT to appear in person unless directed by the Court.

<u>Evidentiary Hearings:</u> These will be held at the discretion of each Judge. Contact judicial offices for information on how to appear.

Note: Only attorneys and party on case will be allowed into the courthouse. Witnesses must wait in their vehicle until called.