

# ALLEGAN COUNTY 57<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT COURT

## NEWS RELEASE



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**ALLEGAN COUNTY** – Pursuant to the Administrative Order issued yesterday by the Michigan Supreme Court, Allegan 57<sup>th</sup> District Court today announced it has implemented the following actions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Chief Judge Joseph S. Skocelas and District Judge William Baillargeon are closely monitoring this situation and will make any additional adjustments needed as this matter evolves.

The court's priority is the health of all staff and the public. The court is adjourning all but in custody and emergency hearings. There will be no in-person assistance at the service windows, however the court will remain open for telephone calls, email and ordinary mail. Responding to traffic tickets that do not require a court appearance will continue without interruption by telephone, email or ordinary mail.

### **Traffic and Criminal Matters:**

All hearings where the defendant is not in custody will be adjourned to a date on or after Monday, May 4, 2020 (including arraignments). The court will send a notice to appear for the rescheduled date. If the defendant is in custody, those proceedings will occur remotely.

Payments on traffic and criminal cases may be made online by going to [www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org) and click on Make a Payment to the 57<sup>th</sup> District Court. Payments may be made by ordinary mail.

### **Probation:**

Probation reporting will occur by phone or mail. You will be notified by your probation officer.

### **Civil, Small Claims and Landlord Tenant:**

All hearings will be re-scheduled to a date on or after Monday, May 4, 2020. The court will send a notice to appear for the rescheduled date.

**Landlord-Tenant:** All existing summary proceeding (landlord-tenant) hearings and trials are adjourned to a date after May 4, 2020. The court will send a notice to appear for the rescheduled date. New cases will be set for hearing on or after May 4, 2020, except complaints alleging serious and continuing health hazard, etc., under MCL 600.5714(1)(d) which will be scheduled at the soonest available date.

### **Weddings:**

If you have a scheduled wedding, please contact the court to reschedule to a date after May 4, 2020.

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