



THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SUBJECT: State of Emergency – Court Protocols (Family Domestic Relations - CAYMC)

Pursuant to Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-2 (File No. 2020-8), Chief Judge Timothy M. Kenny orders that the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan (Third Circuit Court) shall remain open for only the essential services as detailed in this Order.

All divisions of the courts are ordered to limit access to courtrooms and other spaces to no more than 10 persons, including staff, and to practice social distancing and limit court activity to only essential functions. The Family Division-Domestic Relations shall provide the following essential operations:

- Family Domestic Relations Proceedings:
 - Cases heard at either the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (CAYMC) or Penobscot Building
 - The review and determination of requests for personal protection orders (PPOs), including hearings on denied PPOs;
 - Review and determination of emergency requests to extend a PPO;
 - Initial hearing for in-custody respondent arrested for alleged violation of PPO to allow court to address issue of bond;
 - Review and determine requests for ex parte relief in domestic relations proceedings necessary for the safety and well-being of a litigant and/or children under MCR 3.207;
 - Waiver for parental consent;
 - Approving and/or Hearing Emergency Hearings as are deemed necessary by the sitting Emergency Judge.
 - Friend of the Court Proceedings and Services:
 - Arraignments on bench warrants;
 - Staff will record child support orders in MiCSES so that the State Disbursement Unit can send out child support payments;
 - To the extent it is safely possible, staff will implement income withholding notices so payments can be deducted and paid automatically;

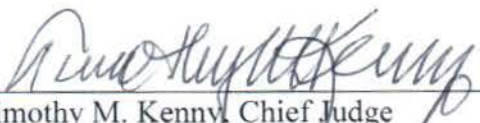
- To the extent it is safely possible, staff will implement national medical support notices to allow health care coverage to implement as soon as possible.

The Chief Judge will continue to hear all infectious disease cases brought by the Wayne County or City of Detroit Health Departments.

The Court further orders that to the extent possible, all essential service hearings shall be conducted remotely using two-way interactive video technology or other remote tools. If that technology is being used, the Emergency Judge's staff will contact the parties and/or attorneys to advise of the same.

Please be advised that Clerk operations will be staffed to handle essential services identified above. Non-essential filings can be mailed to the Clerk, however, non-essential filings will be processed as staffing levels permit.

In the interest of public health, the public is encouraged not to attend court proceedings unless necessary. Any inquiries about essential services may be directed to Chief Judge Timothy M. Kenny, Courtroom 701 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, (313) 224-5430.



Timothy M. Kenny, Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Dated: March 19, 2020