

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF KANSAS CITY, KS

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Administrative Order 20-005

Municipal Court

RE: Expanded Response to the 2020 Pandemic Disease: Court Operations

The mission of Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court is to serve its citizens with fairness, honesty, and integrity. Additionally, Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court works to be fair and reliable for all citizens.

In February of this year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued Interim Guidance recommending that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic. On March 12, 2020 Kansas Governor Laura Kelly declared a state of emergency to address this developing threat. On March 13, 2020 Mayor/CEO David Alvey of the Unified Government of Kansas City, Kansas/Wyandotte County declared a state of emergency to combat the spread of COVID-19. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency. These declarations warrant extraordinary measures to mitigate COVID-19 spread.

COVID-19 presents a threat of imminent and potentially lethal harm to vulnerable individuals who may come in contact with a carrier of COVID-19. A significant number of identified cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Wyandotte County and across Kansas and is projected these numbers will significantly increase. The rapid escalation of the emergency requires more comprehensive measures to protect the health and safety of our citizens, including our employees and judges. Further, the City of Kansas City, Kansas may close all buildings in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

It is hereby ORDERED that effective, Monday, August 17, 2020:

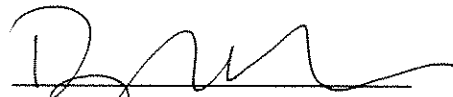
1. Court appearances will resume as directed by ticket issuance or letter from Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court. Failing to appear on your scheduled court date could result in a warrant.
2. If you had a court appearance, hearing, or trial scheduled during the court closure, Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court will contact you by mail with a new court setting unless the prosecutor requested a public safety warrant. People registered with the myWyco app shall be able to receive information about rescheduled court dates through the myWyco app.
3. You may request a virtual court date through the myWyco app. Failing to appear at your scheduled virtual court date whether due to a technology issue or otherwise could necessitate an in-person court date. Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court will contact you by mail with a new court setting unless the prosecutor requests a public

safety warrant. Failing to appear on your scheduled in person court date could result in a warrant.

4. Walk-up business has resumed at the Clerk's window located in the Lobby of City Hall (701 N. 7th Street). Hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
5. ALL court hearings will comply with social distancing requirements as adopted by the Wyandotte County Health Officer. Citizens will be required to wear masks, covering nose and mouth while conducting business with Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court.
6. All jail dockets are being held as scheduled Monday through Friday. Bonds on Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court cases shall be posted at the Wyandotte County Jail in accordance with current policy when the Court is closed.

Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court will review this order periodically to ensure safety for both our citizens and staff. The decision to fully reopen will include the risk of exposure based on our evaluation of developing data and public health recommendations regarding the current pandemic.

BY THE ORDER OF COURT on the 12th day of August, 2020.



Brandelyn Nichols-Brajkovic
Administrative Judge
Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court