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Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court to Close Until January 18, 2021

Temporary closure in response to increasing COVID-19 cases

The Unified Government announced today that the Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court will be closed from December 1, 2020, to January 18, 2021. The closure is part of the County's ongoing efforts to increase public safety and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

This temporary closure applies to all cases except for Domestic Violence and necessary trials. Hearings that are currently scheduled will be rescheduled for a date after January 18, 2021.

"The decision to close the court to all cases except Domestic Violence and necessary trials was not made lightly," said Municipal Court Administrator Dominic Geniuk. "This change allows for an immediate decrease of persons entering the building, making the spread of COVID-19 less likely for both the public and our staff remaining in City Hall."

In spite of the temporary closure, Court Officials emphasize that many interactions with the Court can be conducted online at wycokck.org/Municipal. Through this site, the public can:

- Download the myWyCo app, through which they can pay municipal court tickets, and set a court • date and payment reminders.
- Request a video hearing
- Connect with Unified Government Digital Services •
- Check Court dates or balances •
- Request certified records ٠
- Submit something to the court •
- Request a continuance •
- View Administrative Operations or Jail Orders

If you have questions about the Municipal Court's temporary closing, visit wycokck.org/Municipal, call 3-1-1, or email the Municipal Court at <u>kckmunicourt@wycokck.org</u>.

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