

# Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Hon. Lisa Sullivan  
Chief Judge  
(989) 224-5194

Clinton and Gratiot Counties, acting pursuant to Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-1 and MCR 8.110(C)(2)(c) and (3)(c), and responding to the State of Emergencies declared by the President and Governor, the Court shall remain open to address the following essential operations:

## **Felony and Misdemeanor Criminal Matters**

- The Court shall hear arraignments on the information for incarcerated adults;
- The Court shall hear emergency bond motions;
- The Court shall hear proceedings related to the arraignments on bench warrants and on probationers arrested on warrants for violations of probation;
- The Court shall hear trials for incarcerated defendants only;
- The Court shall hear scheduled sentencings for incarcerated defendants.

## **Specialty Courts**

- Review hearings will only be held if deemed necessary by the assigned Judge;
- Team meetings shall be facilitated through teleconferencing or if in person court and prosecuting attorney personnel only.
- Monitoring shall be conducted by telephone or videoconferencing unless the participant is otherwise notified;
- Treatment agencies shall direct participants on their protocols for sessions;
- Drug and alcohol testing shall proceed as directed by the Court unless a participant can provide a doctor's note to be excused from testing.

## **Motion Days**

- If the assigned Judge proceeds with Motion Days, they shall proceed on a staggered Basis. Please call the assigned Judge to confirm the hearing date and time.

## **Juvenile Proceedings**

- The Court shall hear emergency proceedings for abuse/neglect cases;
- The Court shall hear preliminary hearings, scheduled trials and dispositional hearings for detained youth only;
- The Court shall hear waiver hearings for youth charged as/with the rights attributed to an adult.

### **Domestic Relations Proceedings**

- The initiation of Personal Protection Orders (PPOs);
- Hearings on denied PPOs;
- Arraignments on alleged violations of PPOs;
- Hearings for PPO Respondents not able to make bail following an arraignment;
- Parental waivers;
- Approving and/or hearing emergency hearings as are deemed necessary by the assigned Judge;
- The signing or preparing of Emergency Orders necessary for the safety and well-being of a litigant or child at the discretion of the assigned judge.
- Taking proofs to finalize divorce proceedings.

### **Civil Proceedings**

- Requests for emergency show cause and injunctive orders.
- The Court shall hear emergency petitions for conservatorships, protective orders, and/or guardianships;
- The Court will continue mental health hearings and requests for pick-up orders;
- Requests for emergency show cause and injunctive orders.

The Chief Judge will continue to hear all infectious disease cases brought by the County Health Departments.

**All operations not outlined above shall be suspended until Monday, April 6, 2020.**

Please be advised that Clerk operations for the County and for the Courts will be staffed to handle essential services identified in this Emergency Policy. Non-essential operations will be processed as staffing levels permit. Please be patient during this time.

In the interest of public health, the public is encouraged not to attend court proceedings unless necessary, and the courts are encouraged to use videoconferencing and other available technology as permitted.

To the extent possible, during this time, please conduct court business via telephone or e-mail. Any inquiries may be directed to the contacts below:

District Court – Clinton		
	Civil	(989) 224-5152
	Criminal	(989) 224-5153
	Traffic	(989) 224-5151
District Court - Gratiot (general)		
	Civil	(989) 875-5240
	Criminal	(989) 875-5375
	Traffic	(989) 875-7376
Circuit Court		
Clinton	Judge Tahvonen	(989) 224-5132
	Judge Rick	(989) 224-5130
Gratiot	Judge Tahvonen	(989) 875-4225
	Judge Rick	(989) 875-5353

Probate Court – Clinton	(989) 224-5194
Probate Court – Gratiot	(989) 875-5231
County Clerk	
Clinton	(989) 224-5140
Gratiot	(989) 875-5215
Friend of the Court	
Clinton	(989) 224-5136
Gratiot	(989) 875-5226