

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Administrative Order No. 20-04

RE: Restrictions to Mitigate COVID-19 Spread

This order complements Administrative Order 20-02 on actions to mitigate local or statewide outbreak of the COVID-19 disease.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 disease a pandemic. On March 12, 2020, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly declared a state of emergency warranting extraordinary measures to mitigate COVID-19 spread. On March 16, 2020, the Supreme Court of Kansas issued Administrative Order 2020-PR-015, restricting court operations and employee travel.

The 10th Judicial District Court in Johnson County will continue to provide access to courts in a manner that protects its workforce and the public.

1. All in-person court appearances scheduled through Friday, March 27, 2020 will be CONTINUED. Case-by-case exceptions for continuances may be made within the discretion of the Court after consultation with counsel.
2. Visits to the Courthouse at 100 N. Kansas Avenue, Olathe, Kansas 66061, and Court Services at 588 Santa Fe, Olathe, KS 66061 are restricted to the 10th Judicial District employees and the public having court business that cannot be conducted remotely, online, or via mail service with the:
 - District Court
 - Court Clerk
 - Court Administration including interpreter services
 - Court Services
 - District Court Trustee

There will be no events or tours in the Johnson County Courthouse. The Law Library is closed until further notice.

Persons entering the Johnson County Courthouse or Court Services may be asked screening questions consistent with public health guidelines. Admission may be denied.

The Supreme Court encourages using the judicial branch website at www.kscourts.org and www.courts.jocogov.org and other online tools to complete court business in lieu of visiting these locations.

3. All 10th Judicial District employees will be required to self-quarantine and not report to his or her duty station for 14 days of return of travel if he or she or someone with whom he or she lives or is in close contact has traveled after March 1, 2020, as follows:
- To any international location.
 - To high risk areas in the United States with known widespread community transmission, currently identified by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment as California, New York, and Washington state or the following counties in Colorado: Eagle, Summit, Pitkin, and Gunnison. Any updates to this list by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will be included without revision to this order. For updates, see www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus.
 - On a cruise ship.

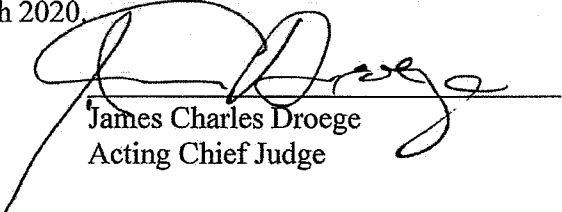
The self-quarantined employee will be required to either work from his or her residence or receive administrative leave, depending on the nature of his or her position.

4. 10th Judicial District employee travel for meetings, conferences, trainings, or similar events is discontinued. Where possible, 10th Judicial District employees will use digital options for meetings, trainings, or similar work tasks. Any non-refundable travel expenses already incurred should be submitted for payment or reimbursement. Employees should seek vendor reimbursement before requesting state funding reimbursement. No commitment for future travel is to be made.
5. The 10th Judicial District, in consultation with the Office of Judicial Administration and the Kansas Supreme Court, is in contact with Johnson County health and emergency preparedness officials and is monitoring ever-changing conditions. As necessary, the 10th Judicial District will release updates that may impact the workplace or court proceedings. District employees must monitor email for updates and be ready to implement directions immediately.

Visit www.courts.jocogov.org for up-to-date information on individual dockets. We will post all notices for the Court and each department online. All attorneys registered to practice in the 10th Judicial District will receive specific details through listserv notifications.

The Court continues to take a phased response based on our evaluation of developing data and public health recommendations about the current pandemic.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 16th day of March 2020.



James Charles Droege
Acting Chief Judge