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PRESS RELEASE

GENESEE COUNTY CIRCUIT AND PROBATE COURTS

In response to the state of emergency declared by Governor Whitmer and the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, the Genesee County Circuit and Probate Courts are working to reduce the number of court events that require a physical appearance at the Courthouse.

Information related to Probate Court operations may be found at www.gcprobatecourt.com.

Presiding Judge Jennie E. Barkey reviewed the schedule of the court to reduce or eliminate court appearances for the most vulnerable members of the community who have matters pending. Video conferencing is one method of continuing with select court hearings. Plans are in place to maximize usage of this option. Questions regarding remote access for Probate Court hearings may be directed to probatecourt@co.genesee.mi.us.

The Genesee County Circuit Court will likewise reduce the number of court appearances that require a physical appearance for court proceedings. The judges have reviewed their schedules for the next 30 days in an effort to eliminate court appearances that are able to be deferred. Attorneys will be notified by the office of the assigned judge regarding any schedule changes. Video conferencing and telephone conferences without court appearance will be utilized when possible.

Information related to Circuit Court operations may be found at www.7thcircuitcourt.com. Scroll to the bottom of the home page for COVID-19 news and information.

Duncan M. Beagle, Chief Judge, Genesee County Probate and Circuit Courts has reviewed all court operations. The well-being of the court staff and members of the public are the foremost consideration as we move forward. All reasonable steps are being taken to maintain essential court operations, while remaining mindful of the health emergency and its implications.

NOTE: Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, access to the Courthouse will be subject to screening by court security staff at the entrance points. Anyone seeking to enter the court will be asked a limited number of non-invasive questions about their health and history of travel.

The above is subject to review and revision.

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