

STATE OF MICHIGAN 7th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GENESEE COUNTY PROBATE COURT	In Re: COVID-19 Emergency Operations and Essential Functions	LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-05J 2020-03J
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The Chief Judge, acting pursuant to MCR 8.110(C)(2)(c) and (3)(C) and recognizing the states of emergency declared by the President, the Governor, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners and the Mayor of the City of Flint hereby orders that the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Michigan and the Genesee County Probate Court shall be closed except for the essential operations outlined below.

The Court further orders that all operations **not** outlined below shall be suspended through Friday April 3, 2020, subject to further order of the Court.

Essential Operations

Felony Criminal Matters

- The Court shall hear emergency bond motions;
- The Court shall hear proceedings related to the arraignments on bench warrants and of probationers arrested on warrants for violations of probation; Violation of Probation hearings for non-incarcerated offenders are postponed.
- The Court shall hear sentencings for incarcerated defendants
- Veteran's Court, Mental Health Court, Drug Court and all other Genesee County Specialty Courts are postponed. Problem Solving Court violations will be heard at the discretion of the Judge.

Juvenile Proceedings

- After hours child abuse and neglect petitions can be filed at oncall@7thcircuitcourt.com.
- Child abuse and neglect emergency removal hearings will still occur as required by law.
- During regular business hours emergency child abuse and neglect petitions can be filed at geneseecourtreports@7thcircuitcourt.com.
- The Court shall hear scheduled child abuse and neglect preliminary hearings;
- The Court shall hear scheduled preliminary hearings, scheduled trials and disposition hearings for detained youth;
- Juvenile probation appointments will be reviewed for non reporting status. Probationers will be advised by your probation officer whether you need to appear in person.
- The Court shall hear juvenile waiver hearings.

Domestic Relations Proceedings

- Personal Protection Orders
 - The initiation of personal protection orders (PPOs);
 - Hearings on denied PPOs, parties may be permitted to participate by telephone;
 - Arraignments on alleged violations of PPOs;
 - Hearings for PPO Respondents not able to make bail following an arraignment;
- Parental Waivers;

- The signing or preparing of any emergency orders necessary for the safety and well-being of a litigant or child.

Civil Proceedings

- Requests for emergency show cause and injunctive orders
- Business Court emergencies

Probate Proceedings

- Mental health pick-up/transport orders
- Other mental health petitions, including petitions for hospitalization
- Petitions for immediate funeral/burial arrangements
- Guardianships involving life-threatening medical emergencies
- Conservatorships with immediate pending evictions/foreclosures/shut off notices
- Estates where immediate access to residence is necessary
- Requests for ex-parte temporary restraining orders
- Emergency petitions filed by Adult Protective Services and Child Protective Services.
- All other guardian, conservator, decedent's estates, trusts and other related probate matters that are filed with the court will be scheduled for a telephonic hearing, if possible. If a telephonic hearing is not possible, a court hearing will be adjourned.

Hon. F. Kay Behm shall hear all petitions brought by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Genesee County Health Department, or the City of Flint Health Department regarding infectious diseases.

A central point of access will be established for circuit and probate court filings on the first floor near the security checkpoint on Beach Street.

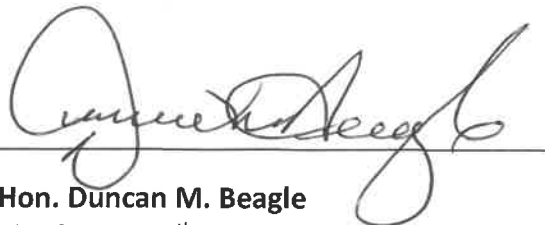
A second access point on the first floor will be staffed to provide information regarding court events that were scheduled and may be adjourned or remain scheduled on the limited court calendar.

In the interest of public health, the public is encouraged **not** to attend court proceedings unless necessary. Please visit the 7th Circuit website (<https://7thcircuitcourt.com/>) or the Probate Court website (<http://gcprobatecourt.com>) for information on appearing by phone or video.

This Order is effective immediately, March 17, 2020.

3-16-20

Date

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Hon. Duncan M. Beagle
Chief Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit Court
Genesee County Probate Court.