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GENESEE COUNTY CIRCUIT and PROBATE COURTS

EXTENSION OF LIMITED IN-COURT PROCEEDINGS

Effective Monday, January 4, 2021, the Genesee County Circuit and Probate Courts will continue to conduct court proceedings virtually to the maximum extent possible.

In-person proceedings will be limited to those where there is a statutory or constitutional right that has not been waived and adjourning the proceeding has first been considered by the assigned judge.

In-person proceedings will be limited to no more than ten (10) people or any number that ensures six-foot distancing at all times. Face coverings will be required in court in a manner consistent with the directives from the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO). Face coverings will not be provided by the court.

The above provisions are consistent with Genesee County Phase One (*Return*), Joint Local Administrative Order 2020-18J/2020-09J. This Order applies to the Genesee County Circuit and Probate Courts.

After reviewing the current COVID19 new case data for Genesee County, Chief Judge Duncan M. Beagle determined that it was in the best interest of the members of the public, judges, court staff, attorneys, and other stakeholders, to remain cautious and limit in-person court proceedings.

The Courts will remain open and continue operations via Zoom to the maximum extent possible. Individual judicial offices will be the contact for inquiries regarding scheduling for particular cases.

The Courthouse will remain open for other business that requires an appointment to receive services.

Please consult the Probate Court webpage for further information at gcprobatecourt.com

The Circuit Court webpage contains information relative to new filings and other operational information at 7thcircuitcourt.com.

Effective through January 31, 2021