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Press Release from the District, Circuit and Probate Courts of Muskegon County

In recent days, Governor Whitmer has declared a State of Emergency and the Michigan Supreme Court and other federal authorities have addressed the Community's concerns about the COVID-19 virus.

The Muskegon County Courts jointly issue this press release to address any specific concerns the community might have about the Courts' management of this issue.

The Courts ARE open and conducting business as usual. This is a tribute to the dedicated men and women who work there. The Courts will make specific accommodations to these employees if it becomes necessary and is consistent with federal and state guidance.

All Judges expect to maintain their schedules so long as it does not jeopardize the health or safety of the public or employees. Safety is the Courts' foremost concern.

The Judges may make changes to their schedules as necessary. **Certain types** of trials and hearings will be rescheduled. The court will liberally grant adjournments when the hearings involve individuals considered vulnerable to the virus.

However, the Courts are required to consider each circumstance individually. You must not assume that your court appearance is automatically cancelled.

Anyone having business with the Muskegon County Courts who might be confused or concerned is encouraged to contact their attorneys, the specific court involved, the prosecutor or the jury clerk. These contact numbers are generally listed on the courts' website and court documents that you should already have.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during these extraordinary times.

Muskegon County Judges & Court Administrators