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Court Extends Emergency Orders to Match “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Extension

Administrative Order 2020-7 Extends Expiration Date to April 30

LANSING, MI, April 10, 2020 – Today, the Michigan Supreme Court approved [Administrative Order 2020-7](#), extending the expiration date of previous emergency orders to April 30. The change keeps Michigan’s judiciary in sync with the Governor’s “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order 2020-42. To help curb the spread of COVID-19, Michigan’s trial courts will continue to limit access to courtrooms and other spaces to no more than 10 persons, including staff, practice social distancing, and as conditions and resources permit, conduct virtual proceedings using video and teleconferencing technology.

“Trial court judges statewide are setting the standard for judges nationwide in using remote hearing technology to keep our justice system running,” said Chief Justice Bridget McCormack. “Judges and court staff are working cooperatively with County Clerks and county officials to adopt best practices that allow for the efficient administration of justice while protecting the rights of all parties.”

Recently, the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) published detailed [standards and guidelines](#) for courts on how to use Zoom for remote proceedings and how to stream those proceedings on YouTube in order to maintain public access. The resources include extensive precautions to prevent any disruption of court proceedings. YouTube pages for courts statewide are available via an easy-to-use [clickable map](#).

Visit the [Judiciary Response to COVID-19 page](#) for additional information and guidance from SCAO and other resources for courts on a wide range of topics, including:

- [Steps to Reduce Juvenile Detention Placements](#)
- [FAQs about Custody and Parenting Time](#)
- [Recommendations to Reduce Jail Populations](#)

The Supreme Court also continues to hold regular conferences remotely and will hear oral arguments via Zoom on April 15 and April 22. The arguments will be streamed via the [Court’s YouTube page](#) and the schedule of arguments is available [here](#).

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