

## **COURT CLOSURE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

In light of the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 virus, the Order of the Michigan Supreme Court authorizing trial courts to implement emergency measures, and the Delta County Michigan Epidemic and Pandemic Response Policy , the offices of 47th Circuit, 94th District and Delta County Probate Court **will be closed from March 18-April 3, 2020**. These court offices are closed in order to limit exposure to and curtail the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

All critical and emergency matters involving adults and juveniles (including emergency filings related to child protective proceedings) will be conducted while the court's business offices are closed to the public.

The Courts will be:

1. Adjourning all civil trials
2. Adjourning all criminal trials and adjudications unless a defendant is in custody or there have been long delays.
3. Adjourning most criminal and civil hearings.
3. Expanding the use of videoconferencing.
4. Permitting the use of technology to enable parties to participate remotely.

The Court responsible for an adjournment will notify the parties and their attorneys. Some matters may not be rescheduled until after the health emergency has passed.

Questions regarding critical and emergency matters and cases that have been adjourned should be directed to the responsible Court.