

**NOTICE FROM CHIEF JUDGE SARA LISZNYAI REGARDING THE COURT  
RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

**EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020 AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:**

**ALL COUNTY COURTS ARE FOLLOWING A FOUR-PHASE APPROACH TO REOPENING AS MANDATED BY THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT. PREVIOUSLY, ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 THE HILLSDALE COUNTY COURTS WERE APPROVED FOR REOPENING IN PHASE I. ON MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020 THE HILLSDALE COUNTY COURTS WERE APPROVED TO MOVE TO PHASE II.**

**PHASE II STILL REQUIRES ALL COURTS TO FOLLOW NUMEROUS SAFETY GUIDELINES. IT ALLOWS IN-PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS ON A LIMITED BASIS AND FOR THE COURTS TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS SPACE ALLOWS BASED UPON SIX FEET PHYSICAL DISTANCING. ALL COURTS MUST STILL CONDUCT PROCEEDINGS VIRTUALLY TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.**

**IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR A COURT HEARING YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER YOU SHOULD CALL IN OR COME TO COURT. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHAT TO DO, PLEASE CALL THE APPROPRIATE COURT.**

- FOR CIRCUIT COURT, CALL 517-437-4321**
- FOR PROBATE COURT, CALL 517-437-4643**
- FOR DISTRICT COURT, CALL 517-437-7329**
- FOR FRIEND OF THE COURT, CALL 517-437-4111**

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND PROCEEDINGS IN PERSON MUST BE SCREENED UPON ENTRY OF THE COURT BUILDING AND MUST WEAR A MASK TO THE EXTENT THEY CAN MEDICALLY TOLERATE IT. MASKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN.**

**ANYONE WHO IS NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER WILL BE OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONDUCT COURT BUSINESS VIRTUALLY, ATTEND COURT PROCEEDINGS VIRTUALLY, FILE DOCUMENTS IN AN ALTERNATIVE MANNER, OR CONFER WITH COURT ADMINISTRATION TO DETERMINE ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCESSING THE COURT.**

**ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH COURT BUSINESS ARE ENCOURAGED TO STILL DO AS MUCH OF IT AS POSSIBLE BY TELEPHONE OR MAIL. PAYMENTS TO DISTRICT COURT MAY STILL BE MADE BY MAIL OR ONLINE AT [e.courts.michigan.gov](http://e.courts.michigan.gov) OR BY TELEPHONE, 517-437-7329, AND THEY CAN NOW BE DONE IN PERSON.**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT THE COUNTY WEBSITE AT [WWW.CO.HILLSDALE.MI.US](http://WWW.CO.HILLSDALE.MI.US). PLEASE CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE COURT OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE. IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911.**

**THE HILLSDALE TRIAL COURTS ARE REGULARLY MEETING WITH LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS TO MONITOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CONDITIONS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND ARE CONTINUOUSLY EVALUATING DATA TO ASSESS THEIR READINESS TO PROCEED TO THE NEXT PHASE OF COURT CAPACITY.**