

HILLSDALE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

In light of the Declaration of Emergency by Governor Whitmer regarding the COVID-19 virus and pursuant to the recommendations of the Michigan Supreme Court, effective Monday, June 1, 2020, 2020 and until further notice, the Hillsdale Circuit Court, located in the County Courthouse is adopting the following procedures to promote the health and safety of those who have business at the court:

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO COURT IF:

***You have a fever greater than 100.4 degrees**

***You have a cough or a worsening cough**

***You have shortness of breath**

***You have at least 2 of the following symptoms:**

Fever

Chills

Repeated shaking with chills

Muscle Pain

Headache

Sore throat

New loss of taste or smell

***You have had close contact in the last 14 days with someone with a COVID-19 diagnosis**

***You have travelled internationally within the last 14 days**

If you are scheduled for a hearing at Circuit Court please call **(517-437-4321)** to see if your matter is one that can be handled by telephone or adjourned. Adjournments will be considered on a case-by-case basis with an emphasis on safety.

IF YOU COME TO COURT PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE UTILIZING THE BEST PRACTICES OF HAND WASHING AND SANITIZING AND PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING WITH THOSE WITH WHOM YOU COME INTO CONTACT

All court proceedings are being handled in person, effective June 15, 2020. Masks, health screening survey, and social distancing will be required in order to enter the Courthouse.

If you are a party to a court proceeding and cannot attend court in person due to a health concern, court proceedings will be handled virtually, via the Zoom platform and are being livestreamed on the court's youtube channel, upon request. Contact the Court at (517) 437-4321 prior to the date of your hearing to make these arrangements.

To access you tube log onto www.youtube.com. Search for 1st Circuit Court. Click on that site. Once there, you will have the option of clicking on the "video" tab. If court is in session, there will be a video of it showing in real time. If court is not in session, no video will be there to see.

All pre-sentence interviews will be done by telephone by contacting the Hillsdale County Circuit Court Probation agent assigned to your case. Contact the Circuit Court at (517) 437-4321 to obtain the name and phone number of your agent.

Probation reporting/appointments will be dealt with on a case by case basis. If you are on probation, you will be advised by your probation agent whether you need to appear in person or not.

If you owe money on your fines and costs, you must pay them by mail or by telephone, 517-437-3391. If you need to set up a payment plan or a wage assignment, this can also be done by telephone (517-437-3391).