



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WEXFORD – MISSAUKEE COURT SYSTEM

March 13, 2020, Cadillac, Michigan -

**WEXFORD AND MISSAUKEE CIRCUIT COURT
WEXFORD AND MISSAUKEE DISTRICT COURT
WEXFORD COUNTY PROBATE COURT
MISSAUKEE COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

Following the Declaration of Emergency by Governor Whitmer regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus, until further notice, the Wexford and Missaukee Circuit, District and Probate Courts will remain open, but the following steps will take effect immediately and remain in effect until further notice:

1. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, do not come to the court, communicate by phone.
2. Hearings with vulnerable persons may be adjourned (postponed) upon request by or on behalf of the vulnerable person with Judge approval.
3. Civil cases may be adjourned (postponed) upon request by or on behalf of the party making the request with Judge approval.
4. Jury trials – Jurors follow instructions on jury notices.
5. Criminal defendants not in custody may have hearings adjourned (postponed) upon request by or on behalf of the party making the request with Judge approval.
6. Criminal cases where the defendant is in custody will be managed on a case-by-case basis.
7. Remote, electronic hearings will continue to be held.
8. All Probationers, juvenile and adult, may contact their Probation Office to request alternate reporting arrangements as necessary.
9. Friend of the Court – Call with any questions.

Individuals who fail to appear without having contacted the court first may be defaulted in civil cases or have a bench warrant for your arrest issued in criminal cases.

TELEPHONE INQUIRIES AND REQUESTS TO ADJOURN OR POSTPONE:

Wexford County Circuit Court 231-779-9490

Wexford County District Court 231-779-9515

Wexford County Probate Court 231-779-9510

Wexford County District Court Probation 231-779-9225

Michigan Department of Corrections Probation & Parole (Wexford) 231-779-9486

Missaukee County Circuit Court 231-779-9490

Missaukee County District Court 231-839-4967 ext. 216
Missaukee County Probate Court 231-839-4967 ext. 208
Missaukee County District Court Probation 231-839-4967 ext. 215
Michigan Department of Corrections Probation & Parole (Missaukee) 231-839-4967 ext. 218
Wexford and Missaukee Friend of the Court 231-779-9494

At this time, there are no plans to close the courts. However, we will continue to work with the Michigan Supreme Court and the State Court Administrative Office to ensure that we are doing all that we can do to combat this health crisis.

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