



# 23RD CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS

*of Michigan - Alcona County*

Richard E. Vollbach, Jr.  
Chief Judge

Laura A. Frawley,  
Chief Judge Pro Tem, Presiding Judge

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## **Alcona Trial Court Order for Administrative Adjournments and Case Scheduling**

Subject: Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) by the Alcona County Trial Courts

Harrisville, MI – The Presiding Judge, acting pursuant to Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-1, MCR 8.110(C)(6), LAO C23 2018-05J, D81 2018-04J and P01 2018-02J, and recognizing the states of emergency declared by the President and the Governor, **hereby order that the Alcona County Trial Court shall remain open to serve the public, until further order, but shall limit activities to essential operations**, as follows:

### **It is Ordered:**

All hearings within the Alcona County Trial Court (Circuit, District, Family, and Probate Courts) scheduled before April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, except for those described below, will be adjourned for not less than 30 days.

#### Alcona County Circuit/District Courts

Felony and Misdemeanor criminal matters including:

- In-custody arraignments;
- Emergency bond motions;
- Probable cause conferences and preliminary examinations which are not previously waived by the defendant;
- Trials for incarcerated defendants only, unless adjournment is agreed to by the defendant, or otherwise determined by trial Judge;
- Already scheduled sentencings for incarcerated defendants;
- Hearings on other matters at the discretion of the assigned judge;

Civil proceedings:

- Requests for emergency show cause and injunctive orders;
- Initiation of personal protection orders (PPOs);
- Timely requested hearings on denied PPOs;
- Arraignments on alleged violations of PPOs;
- Hearings for PPO Respondents who have not posted bail following an arraignment;
- Motions to terminate PPOs;

- Other emergency hearings at the discretion of the assigned Judge;
- Emergency orders necessary for the safety and well-being of a litigant or child, at the discretion of the assigned Judge;
- Hearing following issuance of ex parte order, at discretion of the assigned Judge;

Alcona County Family Division

Juvenile and Child Protective Proceedings:

- Emergency/preliminary/removal hearings in child custody protective proceedings;
- Preliminary hearings, scheduled trials and disposition hearings for detained juveniles;
- All necessary traditional or other waiver hearings for juveniles charged as or with the rights attributed to an adult;
- Hearings on other matters at the discretion of the assigned judge;

Domestic Relations Proceedings:

- The issuance of any emergency orders necessary for the safety and well-being of a litigant or child, at the discretion of the assigned Judge;
- Hearings on other matters at the discretion of the assigned judge;

Alcona County Probate Court

Probate Proceedings:

- Emergency proceedings for decedent estates, trusts and wills;
- Emergency proceedings for guardianships and conservatorships;
- Emergency proceedings for mental illness and judicial admission proceedings; (involuntary commitment);
- Hearings on other matters at the discretion of the assigned judge.

**It is Further Ordered**, all jury trials in all cases within the Alcona County Trial Court scheduled before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be adjourned for not less than 30 days.

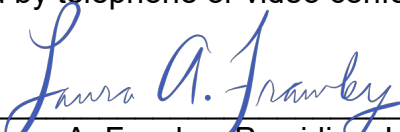
**It is Further Ordered**, that hearings will not be scheduled on new or existing cases within the next 30 days, unless they meet one of the exceptions above.

Whenever possible, hearings will be conducted using polycom and/or zoom technology so that parties and counsel can appear without physically entering the courthouse.

Nothing in this Order precludes the Presiding Judge from making case-by-case exceptions in the interest of justice and at the discretion of the court after consultation with counsel and/or self-represented litigants.

This order does not affect consideration of civil, family, probate or criminal motions that can be resolved without oral argument or handled by telephone or video conference.

March 16, 2020  
Date

  
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Laura A. Frawley, Presiding Judge