

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

These protocols will remain in effect until further notice. If the Governor, Legislature, or the Supreme Court issue an order requiring an extension of existing shelter at home requirements, these protocols will continue until such an extension terminates.

Courtroom Proceedings.

The Court will not conduct in-court, personal proceedings. Any proceedings must be conducted via electronic means, including Zoom video and/or audio conferences, as is necessary.

Civil Pretrials. Pretrials will be conducted via electronic means, including Zoom video and/or audio conferences and similar means, as is necessary.

Criminal Call. The Court will conduct all types of criminal proceedings. Videoconferencing of in-custody defendants will continue from the jail. Counsel and incarcerated defendants will participate by Zoom video and/or audio conferences, and similar means, as is necessary. Defendants not in custody will participate via Zoom video and/or audio conferences, or similar means, as is necessary. If confidential matters need to be discussed during these proceedings, the Court will terminate the hearing and allow counsel and Defendants to confer in confidence outside of the conferencing platform by either passing the case or setting the matter for another date. *Defendants must agree to this procedure, otherwise these matters will be adjourned.*

Motions.

Scheduling of Summary Disposition Motions. All motions for summary disposition will continue to follow the normal protocol. Parties must follow the procedures and timing as provided by Michigan Court Rules; Judge Grant does not issue scheduling orders for SD motions.

Scheduling of Appeals. Hearings on general civil and criminal appeals will continue to follow the normal protocol (i.e., to be briefed and heard pursuant to the respective Michigan Rules of Court, unless otherwise stipulated).

Scheduling of Discovery Motions and Motions for Default or Default Judgment. Discovery motions (which do not involve the violation of an order issued during the time period the shelter at home orders are in effect) and motions for default judgments are now accepted. NOTE: The Notice of Hearing for Default Judgment must contain the Zoom Identification number [248-858-0358] in bold type or otherwise conspicuous manner, so it is easily noticed by the party being defaulted.

Motions to Adjourn. The Court has already issued or will be issuing amended scheduling orders addressing cases in which (1) case evaluation was adjourned because of the shelter at home orders or (2) the trial date was during the shelter at home period. As such, motions to adjourn will NOT be heard until the second motion call after the lifting of any extension of shelter at home requirements. The Court WILL consider reasonable proposed stipulated orders to adjourn.

Scheduling of All Other Motions. Judge Grant **IS** accepting praecipies to set motions for hearing.

If you have questions or need further information regarding these procedures, contact the Judge Grant's clerks at largess@oakgov.com **AND** ervinn@oakgov.com .

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

Tablets and Phones:

Install the Zoom App from the App Store or Play Store prior to the call. At the time of the call, launch the Zoom app and join using Meeting ID **248 858 0358**

Desktop PCs and Laptops:

From the browser, go to the Zoom Web Site (zoom.us). Click on “Join Meeting.”
Join using Meeting ID **248 858 0358**

Audio-only via Telephone:

Call (646) 876-9923 or (669) 900-6833
Connect using Meeting ID **248 858 0358**

Or Click [Here](#)

PUBLIC ACCESS TO HEARINGS

Judge Grant is not conducting in-person proceedings at this time. All courtroom proceedings will be conducted electronically using Zoom video and/or audio conferences. Please see the information above for how to access the Zoom conferences.

If you wish to observe a court proceeding via Zoom, please check the court calendar at <https://jsos.oakgov.com/OaklandCounty>.

If, as a case party, you need to confirm a hearing date or request to appear by Zoom, please see the instructions outlined above in Judge Grant's Covid-19 Protocols.

Participants are reminded that all virtual court appearances are an extension of the courtroom; therefore, parties must adhere to proper conduct and appropriate attire is required. The Judge has full power over remote participants as if they were present in the physical court room.

Zoom participants can choose to view anonymously by ensuring they are named as *Public*. If you need assistance with this, please ask the clerk when joining the hearing.

Viewers are prohibited from recording or otherwise copying court proceedings.