

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 restrictions, 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 criminal proceedings with the exception of jury trials. 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 and motions for default judgments are now accepted. NOTE: The Notice of Hearing for Default Judgment must contain the Zoom Identification number in bold type or otherwise conspicuous manner, so it is easily recognized 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 COVID restrictions or (2) the trial date was during the COVID restriction period. The Court WILL consider reasonable proposed stipulated orders to adjourn.

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

If you have questions regarding the protocol, please contact Judge Grant's Judicial Clerks:
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