## JACKSON COUNTY $4^{TH}$ CIRCUIT COURT JACKSON COUNTY $12^{TH}$ DISTRICT COURT

Administrative Order 2020–02J (12<sup>th</sup> District Court) Administrative Order 2020 – 02J (4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court) Administrative Order 2020 – 02J (Jackson Probate Court)

## Jackson County Court Closure for Public Health Emergency

This Local Administrative Order (LAO) is issued in accordance with MCR 8.110 (C), Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-1 and upon approval by the State Court Administrative Office. The purpose of this LAO is to temporarily close all essential business for the Jackson County 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, 12<sup>th</sup> District court and Probate Court to the public in recognition of the states of emergency declared by the Governor of Michigan and President of the United States.

## IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. Following a confirmed positive test of the COVID-19 of a Courthouse employee and to combat the spread of disease, given the severity of the risk posed to the public, court staff and other court agencies, and considering the public health recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Court shall be closed completely on **Tuesday**, **March 17**, **2020 through Friday**, **April 3**, **2020**, with exception of the following essential services.
  - a. Only essential and/or emergency hearings to be determined by the individual judges.
  - b. No court hearings to be held in the Courthouse.
  - c. Only essential custodial and facility personnel may enter premises.

Date: 3 17 20

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Chief Circuit Judge

Chief District Judge

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 17, 2020

This morning the Chief Judges of the 12<sup>th</sup> District Court and 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court were notified by the Jackson County Health Department that a court employee has tested positive for Covid 19.

The Jackson County Courts are committed to the safety of courthouse staff and every member of the Jackson County Community. Therefore, in an effort to secure the safety of all, the Jackson County Courthouse and the Jackson County Friend of the Court will hereby be closed to employees and the public through April 3, 2020 pursuant to the attached Local Administrative Order 2020-02. As there are further developments the court will keep you advised.

For immediate questions, please contact 12<sup>th</sup> District Court Administrator Tammy Bates, 517-206-2208.

Hon. Daniel Goostrey

Hon. Susan Jordan