

MUNICIPAL COURT

Judge Lori Dougherty-Bichsel Municipal Court, 214 SE 8th Street Topeka, KS 66603

Tel: 785-368-3776 <u>www.topeka.org</u>

May 8, 2020

The Topeka Municipal Court and Probation Division will be closed to in-person visitors until further notice, but at least through May 15, 2020.

As part of our continual assessment on how to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, additional measures are being implemented to protect the health of of the community and court employees.

- 1. All dockets and pre-sentence investigation appointments are canceled through May 15, 2020. All cases will be rescheduled and notices of hearing will be sent by mail to defendants and defense counsel. Defendants should call the Court Clerk's office at 785-368-3776 to update contact information during normal business hours. **Defendants are also encouraged to check the status of their case on public access at:** <u>https://court.topeka.org/fullcourtweb/start.do</u>
- 2. Anyone directed to report to the Probation Division should continue to report by telephone. Probationers shall contact their probation officer at the following numbers at their scheduled appointment time:

Tricia Wiebe: 785-368-0332 Lacie Wiggins: 785-368-3669 Amy Hooper: 785-368-3672

Probationers who are uncertain of their probation officer should contact the Probation Division at 785-368-3783.

3. Persons may conduct limited court business by telephone, email, or facsimile. Payments may be made online, over the phone, or by mail.

Clerk's Office: 785-368-3776 Clerk's Office Fax: 785-368-3782 Email: Motions@topeka.org (MOTIONS ONLY) Mail: 214 SE 8th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66603

Your cooperation is appreciated, and we hope that these temporary measures will help safeguard your health and the health of the community. We will continue to evaluate additional measures in the coming weeks. Please contact the court at 785-368-3776 with any concerns.

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