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**COVID-19 “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Order:
Court Closures and Extended Deadlines**

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In response to Michigan's Governor's “Stay Home, Stay Safe” [Order](#), effective through April 14, 2020, Michigan courts developed modified operations and the Michigan Supreme Court issued an order extending certain filing deadlines. If you have a matter pending in a Michigan court, below is information about how it may impact your case.

Court Closures.

Oakland County Circuit Court:

- The court will remain open to handle only emergency and essential operations including criminal, juvenile, domestic relations, and friend of the court matter until further [order](#) from the court.
- Civil jury and bench trials will be adjourned through April 10, 2020 or until further notice by the court.
- No in-person civil motion calls will be conducted through April 10, 2020. Motions may be filed and heard via telephone, at the discretion of the court.
- Case evaluation hearings through April 10, 2020 will be adjourned.

Macomb County Circuit Court:

- All hearings still required to be conducted (for in-custody defendants and emergency motions for all defendants) will be conducted remotely until further [order](#) from the court.

- All civil and business court matters except for infectious disease proceedings and limited PPO matters are adjourned.

Wayne County Circuit Court:

- Beginning March 24, 2020 and until further [order](#) of the court, the civil division and business court judges shall work remotely.
- The Scheduling Order in every case is extended by 60 days from its current deadlines and there is no need to submit an order.

All trials currently scheduled through April 30, 2020 are adjourned without an order.

- Business court status conferences through April 30, 2020 are adjourned.
- Motion call will resume May 1, 2020 subject to developments related to COVID-19.

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan:

While this Court has not issued a statement or order, currently all in-court appearance before any district or magistrate judge are postponed pending further order of the court. This does not affect the court's consideration of motions that can be resolved without oral argument or handled by telephone or video conference.

U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan:

- Beginning March 24 through April 13, 2020, the court will remain open with [modified operations](#).
- Judicial officers will continue to handle as many matters as possible by teleconference or videoconference unless an in-person hearing is necessary and cannot be postponed or otherwise accommodated.
- The Ford Building and Marquette facility will be open on an appointment only basis.

Michigan Supreme Court Order Extending Deadlines.

The Michigan Supreme Court issued an [order](#) extending all deadlines pertaining to case initiation and the filing of initial responsive pleadings in civil matters during

the state of emergency related to COVID-19, including the initial filing of a pleading or a motion raising a defense or an objection to an initial pleading under MCR 2.116.

The order does not preclude a court from ordering an expedited response to a complaint or motion in order to hear and resolve an emergency matter requiring immediate attention.

GMH's Coronavirus Task Force is here to answer your questions. While GMH is complying with Governor Whitmer's Order, we are available to assist you. Please contact any of the below lawyers for more Coronavirus support:



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