



# Kansas Supreme Court

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## **Attorney, client protocol established for Kansas courts**

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TOPEKA—Attorneys and their clients who have symptoms of COVID-19, have been exposed to the virus, or are covered by the Kansas Department of Health's recommendations for quarantine and isolation of travelers are advised to follow protocols established by the Kansas judicial branch. Persons entering any Kansas courthouse may be asked screening questions consistent with public health guidelines. Admission may be denied for public health concerns. These individuals will be encouraged to visit a courtroom or court offices at another time or use a different method of conducting business.

Attorneys should ask their clients to follow these rules. If a judge determines a proceeding must proceed, individuals may be required to wear masks.

Postings inside courthouses will provide telephone or email contact information for court personnel. [Contact information for district courts also is available online.](#)

Attorneys, members of the public, and law enforcement officers appearing in courtrooms should follow the same hand foam and handwashing procedures as court employees. That includes frequently washing hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds or using alcohol-based hand cleaners. If sheriff's deputies or inmates in their custody have a fever or are coughing, they should wear masks while in the courthouses.

If any inmate is confirmed to have COVID-19, the court will coordinate with the sheriff, defense counsel, and the prosecutor to arrange for video appearances or continuances of court proceedings.