

PROCEDURES BY DEPARTMENT or DOCKET TYPE

3.16.2020

Johnson County District Court Olathe, Kansas

CRIMINAL – Divisions 3, 8, 13, 17, 18, 19, and M-3

The following in-person hearings scheduled through March 27, 2020, including but not limited to bench trials, preliminary hearings, motions, sentencings, status, pretrial and scheduling conferences will be continued unless the hearing may be conducted via video or teleconference. Continuances will be granted liberally where remote appearance is not available. Attorneys who wish to have their out-of-custody clients appear by phone should have their clients available by phone and be ready to contact their client when their case is called through the attorney’s cell phone.

To the extent technology will allow, and at the discretion of the assigned judge, in custody defendants may appear by telephone or video for scheduling dockets. Other substantive hearings may require a personal appearance by the defendant unless otherwise waived, and at the discretion of the assigned judge.

TRAFFIC – Division M-2

Cases are being continued until May 10, 2020. Cases will be rescheduled on the following calendar:

Current Week	Continued Week
March 16-20	May 11-15
March 23-27	May 18-22
March 30-April 3	May 26-29
April 6-10	June 1-5
April 13-17	June 8-12
April 20-24	June 15-19
April 27- May 1	June 22-26
May 4-8	June 29 – July 3

Any questions, contact Anna Lane, Clerk for M-2 913-715-3339, anna.lane@jocogov.org The traffic clerk is available at 913-715-3470.

The District Attorney’s Traffic Division is available at 913-715-3011. You may contact the D.A. for diversion and any other questions related to your ticket. The D.A. will process cases via telephone and mail.

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SMALL CLAIMS – Division M-2

Cases are being continued until May 10, 2020. Cases will be rescheduled on the following calendar:

Current Week	Continued Week
March 23-27	May 11-15
March 30-April 3	May 18-22
April 6-10	May 26-29
April 13-17	June 1-5
April 20-24	June 8-12
April 27- May 1	June 15-19
May 4-8	June 22- 26

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PROTECTION FROM ABUSE/STALKING (non-Family cases) – Division M-2

As scheduled. New cases will be spread out with no more than 3 per docket and on all days available.

CIVIL – Divisions 2, 4, 6, 7, and 11

All in-person court appearances scheduled through Friday, March 27, 2020 will be CONTINUED unless the hearing may be conducted via video or teleconference. Case-by-case exceptions for continuances may be made within the discretion of the Court after consultation with counsel. For any civil case hearings currently scheduled to occur by March 27, 2020, counsel should contact the Administrative Assistant of the Division in which the matter is pending, to determine whether the matter will be heard via telephone or video conferencing, or be rescheduled as determined by the Court.

Statutorily required hearings will continue to be conducted in person at the Johnson County Courthouse. Protection from abuse or stalking cases will continue to be conducted in person.

LIMITED ACTIONS – Division M-4

Available at http://courts.jocogov.org/dc_limitaction.aspx.

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FAMILY – Divisions 1, 5, 9, 14, and 16

Effective immediately for all Family Court cases in Johnson County:

- Statutorily required hearings will continue to be conducted in person at the Johnson County Courthouse. Protection from abuse or stalking cases will continue to be conducted in person.
- Any dockets with multiple cases will be continued. You will be notified of the new hearing date by each Division.
- Whenever possible, other hearings will be conducted remotely, how and if considered on a case-by-case basis. You will be contacted by the assigned division with specifics regarding your case.
- Please contact your division with questions.

JUVENILE – Divisions 10, 12, and M-1

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In custody Respondents shall appear by video for all hearings unless the Court orders otherwise. Substantive hearings may require a personal appearance by the respondent unless otherwise waived, and at the discretion of the assigned judge.

CINC – Divisions 10, 16, and M1

Non-essential in-person hearings scheduled through March 27, 2020, will be continued unless the hearing may be conducted via video or teleconference. Most (not all) CINC court hearings will be continued. You will be notified of the new court date.

The following hearings are required to proceed:

- Issuing ex parte orders for CINC, K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 38-2242(a).
- Issuing ex parte orders for violation of a valid court order in CINC proceedings, K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 38-2260(c).

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- Conducting preliminary hearings on violation of a valid court order in CINC proceedings, K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 38-2260(d).
- Conducting evidentiary hearings on violation of a valid court order in CINC proceedings, K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 38-2260(e).

Permanency hearings will be done by paper, and a future review hearing date will be provided.

Counsel desiring an emergency review hearing shall request same through the Court and AA.

PROBATE – Division 15

Effective March 14, 2020 through May 1, 2020, for all PR, GC, AD and CV cases pending in Division 15, all hearings that are anticipated not to be disputed shall be heard via non-appearance. Counsel may request a hearing via conference call or video conference when necessary. Exception: For all CV cases set for an evidentiary hearing after March 27, 2020, the evidentiary hearing will continue to take place in-person at the discretion of the assigned judge.

We will update as the situation changes. You should also check with the assigned Division on your case(s) for updates. Please help us disseminate this information. Opposing parties please consult together. Attorneys who are representing clients against self-represented litigants, please communicate with those parties.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we all work together.