

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Administrative Order No. 20-10

RE: Supplemental Order Resuming Court Operations: A Phased Approach

On May 6, 2020 the Court issued Administrative Order 20-09, incorporated herein by reference, which ordered the phased return to in-person court operations. The following considerations apply to this Supplemental Order:


1. The Court remains committed to securing the health and safety of all court users and staff
2. Kansas remains in a State of Disaster Emergency until at least May 25, 2020
3. CDC, KDHE and Kansas City Metro Area guidance urges the continuation of telework where possible
4. Local health officials recommend caution to reintroduce the public into buildings where social distancing is difficult to achieve due to the amount of time spent in close proximity to others and physical spacing limitations
5. Annually, more than 400,000 people enter the Johnson County courthouse
6. During normal operations, the Court holds at least 2,000 in-person hearings per week

The Court determines that the required gating criteria have not been met to move into Phase I on May 25, 2020. The Johnson County stay-at-home order has been lifted. The cumulative 14-day downward trajectory of positive COVID-19 cases has not occurred. Therefore, the phased approach as proposed in AO 20-09 shall begin a minimum of one week later per phase. The following applies to AO 20-09:

<p>Phase I shall begin no earlier than June 1, 2020 Phase II shall begin no earlier than June 15, 2020 The Court shall update information on Phases III and IV in a future Supplemental Order</p>

The Court will provide updates regarding specifics on each phase through www.courts.jocogov.org, listserv distribution, and other social and broadcast media.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 19th day of May 2020.


THOMAS KELLY RYAN
Chief Judge, 10th Judicial District

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