



COVID-19 and the Courts

An update from Chief Justice Minton

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Update for January 6, 2021

Supreme Court extends restrictions on jury trials, grand juries until April 1

Today the Supreme Court entered two new Administrative Orders that further extend restrictions on jury trials, grand juries, show cause dockets, judicial sales and in-person meetings of Kentucky Court of Justice committees, commissions, task forces and boards. This action was necessary to address the continued surge of COVID-19 cases across the commonwealth.

[Administrative Order 2021-01](#) replaces Administrative Order 2020-71 and [Administrative Order 2021-02](#) replaces Administrative Order 2020-72. The orders:

- Postpone all jury trials until April 1, 2021.
- Require grand juries to either be conducted remotely or suspended.
- Postpone all show cause dockets until April 1, 2021.
- Require judicial sales to be conducted either remotely or outside and in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Postpone all in-person meetings of KCOJ committees, commissions, task forces, boards and other administrative bodies until April 1, 2021.