



COVID-19 and the Courts

An update from Chief Justice Minton

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Update for November 20, 2020

Supreme Court amends court operations statewide to address escalating COVID cases

To address the surging cases, the Supreme Court has amended two orders to limit in-person proceedings and restrict access to judicial facilities. The first, [Administrative Order 2020-71](#), replaces Administrative Order 2020-63 in its entirety. The second, [Administrative Order 2020-72](#), replaces Administrative Order 2020-64 in its entirety. Both orders will become effective Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, and pertain to all 120 counties.

The new orders adopt as mandates many of the recommendation distributed on [Oct. 29, 2020](#), as counties began moving into the red zone. These included the following:

- Limiting entrance to judicial facilities.
- Requiring remote hearings in all proceedings, except as specified in [Administrative Order 2020-71](#).
- Postponing all jury trials until Feb. 1, 2021.
- Requiring grand juries to either be conducted remotely or suspended.
- Postponing all show cause dockets until Feb. 1, 2021.
- Requiring judicial sales to be conducted either remotely or outside and in accordance with CDC guidelines.