

The Ninth West Judicial District Circuit Court, Division 1, Judge Tom Cooper, and Division 2, Judge Charles Yeargan are implementing precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Governor Asa Hutchinson.

There will be no jury trials held the week of March 30 through April 2, 2020. All other criminal matters will be held as scheduled unless a written order from the court has been issued rescheduling the matter. The Court will consider motions to continue these hearings. Only defendants and necessary parties will be allowed into the courtroom for these scheduled hearings.

Other essential cases will be heard from March 16 – March 27, 2020 as follows:
Domestic/Probate- Emergency Custody/Guardianship Petitions; Petitions for Ex Parte Orders of Protection; Involuntary Commitments.

Civil – Temporary Restraining Orders/Emergency Injunctive Requests

Criminal – Video conferencing with inmates, where available

DHS- Dependent/Neglect Reviews of Emergency Petitions and Probable Cause Hearings

Specialty Court - has been cancelled for March 18, 2020. The next scheduled date is April 15, 2020.

Any civil, domestic or probate matters that are currently scheduled can be rescheduled to a later date. To reschedule these cases or if you have any inquiries, please contact the Trial Court Administrator for that division.

All parties scheduled for court will be allowed in the courtroom one case at a time, with only essential parties allowed.