

USDC – EDMO COVID-19 INFORMATION CENTER

(as of 03/15/2021)

EAGLETON AND LIMBAUGH COURTHOUSE BUILDING STATUS

- Per the Court's [Building Entry Standards Order](#), the Eagleton Courthouse and Limbaugh Courthouse are open, but subject to COVID limitations.
- Anyone who cannot enter or is unwilling to enter any courthouse in violation of the protocols set forth in the Orders of the Court will be referred by a Court Security Officer to the court or agency with whom the person has business, in the manner directed by the court or agency.
- [Contact Information](#) for each building agency is provided online and at district courthouses.

CIVIL CASES

- Per the Court's [Case Operations Order](#), a limited number of in-person proceedings and jury trials may proceed, with COVID protocols in place. Civil cases may also proceed remotely.
- All in-person ADR requirements are suspended until further Order of the Court. All parties needing additional scheduling relief should consult with opposing parties and motion the Court.
- A drop box is available on the 3rd floor of the Eagleton Courthouse for self-represented litigants (SRLs) and others. Drop box is for District Court filings only.
- SRLs can also file cases by e-mail during this time, see [Public Notice](#) of April 9 for instructions.
- Per the Court's [April 22 Order](#), statutory deadlines for administrative and civil judicial asset forfeiture proceedings and actions have been extended.

CRIMINAL CASES

- As stated in the [Case Operations Order](#), a limited number of in-person jury trials and other hearings may proceed on a limited basis with COVID protocols in place. The Speedy Trial Act is waived for those jury trials that are continued, and in-person hearings remain limited.
- Videoconferencing and teleconferencing are to be used for criminal proceedings unless the defendant does not consent, or unless otherwise directed by the presiding judge.
- Per the Court's [April 29 Order](#), processes for combined pleas and sentencings have been created.
- For specific questions on how individual judges are managing their cases, contact the [Case Management Team](#) for chambers; for general questions about connectivity to defendants in jails contact the Clerk's Office or the Federal Defender Office for more information, and consult the [remote criminal process guidelines for attorneys](#).

HOURS AND STATUS OF CLERK'S OFFICE

- All offices of the District Court are open, subject to COVID limitations.
- Consult the Courthouse [Contact Information](#) for current operational status for other agencies.
- For payment of any Court-ordered cost, see the Court's [remote payment options](#).
- Register for the Court's Newsfeed at www.moed.uscourts.gov or Twitter (@USCourtsMOED).

PUBLIC ACCESS TO COURT HEARINGS

- For instructions on how the public and media can use teleconferencing to access court hearings, see the [Public Notice](#) dated August 12, 2020.

NATURALIZATIONS

- Naturalizations are proceeding, but with shortened ceremonies and social distancing precautions in place. Contact the [USCIS](#) St. Louis Field Office for more information.