

USDC – EDMO COVID-19 INFORMATION CENTER

(as of 9/15/2020)

COURTHOUSE BUILDING STATUS

- Per the Court's [September 15, 2020 Order](#) on Courthouse Operations/Building Entry Standards, 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 [September 1, 2020 Order](#) on Case Operations, a limited number of in-person proceedings and jury trials may proceed, with COVID protocols in place. Civil cases may 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 for the relief needed in their case.
- Drop boxes are available in lobby areas for self-represented litigants (SRLs). Drop boxes are for filings only. All items will be scanned by security.
- 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

- Per the [September 1, 2020 Order](#) on Case Operations, 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.
- As set out in the [September 1, 2020 Order](#) on Case Operations, 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](#).

NATURALIZATIONS

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

HOURS AND STATUS OF CLERK'S OFFICE, PROBATION, PRETRIAL

- All offices of the Court are open, subject to COVID limitations.
- Consult each office's [Contact Information](#) for further information on continued remote business.
- 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.
- Follow the Court on Twitter (@USCourtsMOED) for the latest announcements.

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.