

**IN DISTRICT COURT OF SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS  
Administrative Order No. 20-01**

**ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

This Order is being issued in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Although for many this disease appears to cause only flu-like symptoms, for others, it can pose a serious risk. In February of this year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued Interim Guidance recommending that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19. On March 11, 2020 The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. On March 12, 2020, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly declared a state of emergency to address this developing threat.

Given the significant number of identified and projected cases of COVID-19 across Kansas and the severity of risk posed to the public, it is hereby ORDERED that, effective Monday, March 16, 2020:

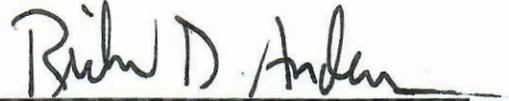
1. The Shawnee County District Courthouse will remain open. Staff in the Clerk's Office will remain open for filings and contact by telephone. The public is encouraged to continue utilizing available Court resources.
2. The Shawnee County District Court will implement a phased response in order to reduce the risk of exposure based on our evaluation of developing data and public health recommendations about the current pandemic.

All criminal and civil jury trials presently scheduled will proceed as scheduled unless otherwise notified by the Presiding Judge for the particular case.

3. All activities scheduled for the period March 16, 2020 through April 3, 2020 in the following types of docket proceedings will be CONTINUED:
  - a) Limited Action Dockets;
  - b) Small Claims Dockets;
  - c) Traffic Dockets;
  - d) Eviction Dockets;
  - e) Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Dockets; and
  - f) Misdemeanor Criminal Dockets.
4. Except those activities identified in paragraph 3, the Court will continue to hear all other matters at the Courthouse as determined by the Presiding Judge for the particular case.

5. Visit the Court's website at [www.shawneecourt.org/](http://www.shawneecourt.org/) for up to the date information on individual dockets and updates on the scheduling of proceedings.

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard D. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Richard D. Anderson  
Chief Judge