

**THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS  
THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**Administrative Order No. 2021-04**

**ORDER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE TRANSPORT OF INMATES  
INCARCERATED IN THE SHAWNEE COUNTY JAIL**

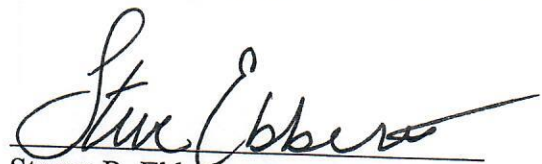
Effective December 20, 2021, and continuing through January 10, 2022, due to the resurgence of COVID infections in several modules in the Shawnee County Jail, the Court will suspend the requirement for transport of all inmates by the Shawnee County Department of Corrections to the Shawnee County Courthouse for appearances in-person in any scheduled hearings or proceedings, other than preliminary hearings, sentencing and jury trials. All hearings scheduled during the period of this suspension of the transport of inmates may be conducted by video as may be determined by the Court, with the agreement of the parties. Absent agreement to conduct hearings other than by in-person appearances in the courtroom the scheduled hearings are hereby continued and shall be rescheduled.

With respect to any preliminary hearings, sentencing and jury trials scheduled during this period of suspension of the transport of inmates, such proceedings may proceed at the discretion of the presiding judge if the following conditions are met: (1) the parties agree to proceed on the date and at the time as the case currently has been scheduled; (2) the Shawnee County Department of Corrections certifies that the inmate has been tested and the test result was negative for COVID infection; (3) the Shawnee County Department of Correction, during the course of multiday proceedings, shall continue to test the inmate at least every other day for infection and the inmate must continue to test negative; (4) the Shawnee County Department of Corrections, during the course of the proceedings, shall take such precautions as may be reasonable under the circumstances to maintain separation of the inmate from the general population of inmates and quarantined modules; and (5) the parties must comply with any other safety protocols ordered by the presiding judge.

This order shall have no effect on any proceedings for anyone not held in the custody of the Shawnee County Department of Corrections. Any criminal or other proceedings for anyone who is not in custody may proceed as scheduled at the discretion of the presiding judge.

This Administrative Order is effective December 20, 2021, and shall expire at the close of business on January 10, 2022, unless continued, modified or rescinded by subsequent order of the Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
Steven R. Ebberts  
Chief Judge