

HILLSDALE COUNTY PROBATE AND JUVENILE COURT

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

In light of the Declaration of Emergency by Governor Whitmer regarding the COVID-19 virus and pursuant to the recommendations of the Michigan Supreme Court, effective Monday, June 1st, 2020, and until further notice, the Hillsdale Probate Court and Juvenile Court, located in the main Courthouse Building, are adopting the following procedures to promote the health and safety of those who have business at the court:

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO COURT IF:

***You have a fever greater than 100.4 degrees**

***You have a cough or a worsening cough**

***You have shortness of breath**

***You have had at least 2 of the following symptoms:**

Fever

Chills

Repeated shaking with chills

Muscle pain

Headache

Sore throat

New loss of taste or smell

***You have had a close contact in the last 14 days with someone with a COVID-19 diagnosis**

***You have travelled internationally within the last 14 days**

If you are scheduled for a hearing at Probate Court, your subpoena or hearing will indicate whether you are to appear in person or by ZOOM. The Probate Courtroom can accommodate 4 to 6 people in the public space due to safe distancing practices, most people will continue to appear by ZOOM. If you have had difficulty with good reception using ZOOM and would like to appear in person, please contact the court and accommodations will attempt to be made for you.

IF YOU COME TO COURT PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE UTILIZING THE BEST PRACTICES OF HAND WASHING AND SANITIZING AND PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING WITH THOSE WITH WHOM YOU COME INTO CONTACT WITH.

Court proceedings that are being handled virtually, via the ZOOM platform are being livestreamed on the Court's YouTube channel.

To access YouTube log onto www.youtube.com. Search Hillsdale Probate Court. Click on Hillsdale Probate Court. Once there, you will have the option of clicking on the "video" tab. If court is in session, there will be a video of it showing in real time. If court is not in session, no video will be there to see.

Probation reporting/appointments will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the Juvenile Probation Staff. If you are on probation, you will be advised by your probation officer whether you need to appear in person or not.

If you owe money on juvenile fines and cost and do not want to appear in person, you may pay them by mail to the County Clerk's Office at 29 N. Howell St. Hillsdale, MI 49242 or you can pay with a credit or debit card at 517-437-3391. If you need to set up a payment plan or a wage assignment, this can be done by contacting Juvenile Court at 517-437-4446.