

USDC – EDMO COVID-19 INFORMATION CENTER

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COURTHOUSE BUILDING STATUS

- Per the Court's [March 23 Order](#), all USDC-EDMO courthouses are open, but the general public is limited to the main lobby.
- Persons may only proceed beyond the lobby for scheduled in-person cases or by specific authorization from a judge or building agency head; and only if they meet authorized health and safety guidelines (no symptoms of COVID-19, no contact with COVID-19 positive person in last 14 days, no travel in last 14 days).
- Persons (including attorneys) should only come to the courthouses if they are here for a specifically authorized purpose. All other business should be conducted remotely. [Contact Information](#) for each building agency is provided online and at district courthouses.

CIVIL CASES

- Per the Court's [March 17 Order](#), all jury trials have been suspended through May 31, and there will be no in-person civil appearances prior to May 31. Civil cases may proceed remotely.
- Per the Court's [March 18 Order](#), all in-person ADR requirements are suspended through May 31, and 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 filers. Drop boxes are for filings only. All items will be scanned by security.

CRIMINAL CASES

- Per the Court's [March 17 Order](#), jury trials are suspended through May 31, all cases should proceed by remote means wherever possible, and the Speedy Trial Act is waived.
- For those limited in-person proceedings that are continuing, videoconferencing solutions are available to preserve separation and distancing even in these cases. For specific questions on how individual judges are managing their cases, contact the [Case Management Team](#) for chambers.
- The Federal Public Defender has connectivity for counsel to speak with clients in jails and is working with the Court to expand this connectivity. Contact the Office of Federal Public Defender for information.

NATURALIZATIONS

- Naturalizations are postponed through April 6, 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, even though general public physical access is closed.
- Consult each office's [Contact Information](#) for further information on 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.