

Montmorency County Courts

Hon. Benjamin T. Bolser, Chief Judge, announced that effective March 18, 2020, per local administrative order 2020-1J, the courts within the jurisdiction of Montmorency County will be closed to the public due to the COVID-19 Virus. The courts will be closed beginning March 18, 2020 through April 20, 2020.

- All in-custody arraignments/proceedings, as well as emergency hearings will be conducted while the court's business offices remain closed to the public.
- The courts will be utilizing phone/polycom/videoconferencing for every emergency proceeding unless a special request has been made and approved by the court. Attorneys will be encouraged to speak with their clients to facilitate these appearance capabilities.
- All jurors that have received a summons, will be excused from appearing or calling in unless scheduled **after April 20, 2020**. Please call the appropriate court for further instructions.
- Michigan Department of Corrections probationers must contact the Montmorency County probation/parole officer at 989-785-8095 for further reporting orders.
- District Court probationers and Montmorency County Veterans Treatment Court participants are to report to the probation officer by telephone (989)785-8041, until further notice.
- Montmorency County Juvenile probationers must contact their probation officer at 989-785-8059 or 989-354-9573 for further instruction.
- Anyone with a notice to appear for a Montmorency County court proceeding between the dates of March 18th, 2020 through April 20, 2020, will be receiving a new notice to appear from the court. Notices will be mailed to the last known address provided to the court, as well as a copy mailed to your attorney.
- Payments toward fines/costs may be mailed or paid over the phone with a major credit card. If you need additional time to pay or having financial difficulties, call the court to request arrangements.
- Friend of the Court/Child Support Payments must be made through the Michigan State Disbursement Unit.
- All civil filings/pleadings may continue to be conducted via mail or email, please contact the proper court for filing procedures.

If you have any questions/concerns/emergencies, please call the appropriate court for further instruction.

PLEASE CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE COURTS AT THE PHONE NUMBERS BELOW:

26th Circuit Court Administration
989-354-9573

88th District Court
989-785-8035

Montmorency County Clerk
989-785-8022

Montmorency County Probate Court
989-785-8064

Montmorency County Family Division
989-354-9696

Montmorency Co. Friend of the Court
989-785-8053

26th CIRCUIT COURT



720 W. CHISHOLM STREET, SUITE 1
ALPENA, MI 49707
(989) 354-9573

ALPENA COUNTY
MONTMORENCY COUNTY

26TH CIRCUIT COURT
ALPENA AND MONTMORENCY COUNTIES
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88th DISTRICT COURT
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ALPENA PROBATE COURT
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COURT CLOSURE - COVID-19 VIRUS

IT IS ORDERED:

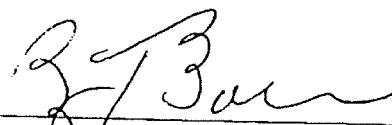
This administrative order is issued in accordance with MCR 8.110(C). The purpose of this order is to close the business offices of the court to the public in order to protect the public and employees, and aid in stopping the spread of the COVID-19 Virus, upon approval by the State Court Administrative Office.

The business offices of the 26th Circuit Court, and 88th District Court, for Alpena and Montmorency Counties, and the Probate Courts for Alpena and Montmorency Counties, will be closed commencing at 8:30 a.m. on March 18, 2020 through April 20, 2020. All in-custody arraignments and emergency matters (including emergency filings), will be conducted while the court's business offices are closed to the public.

Notice of the Court closure and of how emergency matters and filings shall be accomplished during the closing shall be given to the public, the Court's funding unit, and other affected agencies and officials. Notice shall include a sign posted at the Court.

Effective: March 18, 2020

Date: March 17, 2020


BENJAMIN T. BOLSERS, Chief Judge