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This order is being issued in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). As of the date of this order, Sedgwick County hospitals have one confirmed case, with many others across the state. Although for many this disease appears to cause only flu-like symptoms, for others it can pose a serious risk.

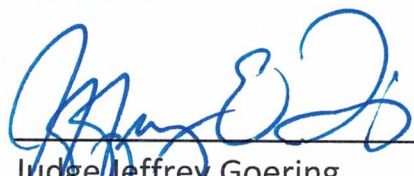
In February of this year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued "Interim Guidance" recommending that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19. On March 11, 2020 The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. On March 12, 2020, Kansas Governor 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 Friday, March 13, 2020:

1. The Kansas 18th Judicial District courthouse remains open. Staff in the Court Services offices will remain available for contact by telephone.
2. Anyone directed to report on probation or for interviews with Court Services officers should report by telephone, and NOT report to the courthouses in person.
3. All DNA swabs, urinalysis collection and testing, and home visits are immediately suspended until further notice.

The Court will take a phased response based on our evaluation of developing data and public health recommendations about the current pandemic.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 13th day of March 2020.



Judge Jeffrey Goering
Chief Judge