



Jackson County Circuit Court
Kansas City, Missouri

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NEWS RELEASE

**Some court hearings and trials at the Jackson County Circuit Court
will be continued or will take place by video conferencing
for the next two weeks**

Late today, the Presiding Judge of the 16th Circuit Court in Jackson County ordered the suspension of jury trials from March 16, 2020 through March 27, 2020, as well as other hearings that involve bringing in a large number of people.

Judge David Byrn stated in his order, "The Court desires to employ all reasonable and prudent measures to help protect the general public, litigants, lawyers and employees from the spread of COVID-19 creating this emergency."

The Administrative Order cancels jurors from being brought in for the next two weeks. It postpones high volume dockets such as landlord-tenant cases and small claims and full orders of protection. Hearings for defendants in the Jackson County Detention Center will take place via video conferencing.

Please read the full order which is attached for a full understanding of which hearings will be affected.

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