

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT KANSAS CITY**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-057

**RE: MODIFICATION OF COURT OPERATIONS FOR FIFA WORLD CUP
GAMES– JUNE 3 THROUGH JULY 19, 2026**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, it is reasonably anticipated that the Kansas City Metropolitan and surrounding areas, will be greatly impacted during the summer of 2026 due to the city's hosting of the FIFA World Cup soccer games.

WHEREAS reliable information has been provided to the Court regarding scheduled games, events and other large gatherings which are to occur in and around the downtown Kansas City area, specifically including but not limited to the Jackson County Courthouse located at 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106 during the dates of June 3, 2026 - July 19, 2026. The anticipated populational impact on the city during this time has widely varied, including estimates as large as 800,000 people; and

WHEREAS, based upon expected impacts of the influx of international travelers and visitors to the various venues and events during this time, it is likely that streets and parking facilities may be closed, and usual traffic patterns and access routes to the court buildings will be significantly limited; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Court take steps to protect the health and safety of all employees of the Court, all judicial officers, all attorneys, all litigants, all victims, all witnesses and any other individuals or entities who have cases, hearings or other business pending in Court, while also balancing the rights of all said individuals to have their matters heard; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 478.240.2 R.S.Mo. and Section 15 of the Missouri Constitution, the Presiding Judge has general administrative authority over all judicial personnel and court officials in the Circuit as well as administrative authority over dockets of the Court and the administrative and discretionary authority regarding the manner in which any hearings are conducted in the Court; and

WHEREAS, Court Operating Rule 7 C. 12.2(b) authorizes the Presiding Judge to close judicial offices in the event of conditions that may impede the ability of the judicial offices to conduct business, as follows:

C.12.2 Presiding Judge

(b) The presiding judge may authorize a judicial office within the circuit to close for all or part of the day or limit functions of the court and evacuate staff who are not necessary to meet the courts' essential functions, due to any . . . unsafe office condition, which impedes the ability of the office to conduct business, . . . or pursuant to authorization by the Chief Justice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that beginning June 3, 2026 to July 19, 2026, the following restrictions/modifications apply as to all court departments and divisions:

1. For purposes of this Administrative Order, the following buildings shall collectively be referred to as "Downtown Court Buildings:"
 - A. Kansas City Courthouse, 415 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO
 - B. Albert Riederer Community Justice Complex, 1315 Locust, Kansas City, MO
 - C. Community Justice Building, 1305 Locust, Kansas City, MO
2. All necessary and mandatory jury trials will be conducted at the Eastern Jackson County (Independence) Courthouse located at 308 W. Kansas Ave. Independence, Missouri 64050.
3. Because of currently unknown conditions regarding the populational impact on public transportation, street closures, internet access and access to public parking, Judicial Officers are strongly encouraged to:
 - A. Re-arrange, continue, or dispose of hearings, conferences and/or trials scheduled in any Downtown Court Buildings.
 - B. Make available to the parties a virtual or remote option for all in person hearings, conferences, or trials scheduled in any Downtown Court Buildings.

- C. Maximize judicial discretion in the issuing of arrest warrants for failures to appear as such determinations should be on a case by case basis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all locations and divisions of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court are closed on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026**, because of currently unknown populational impacts on public transportation, street closures, internet access and access to parking and to the nature and extent of potential rallies/marches and gatherings due to the FIFA games. All locations and divisions of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court will re-open at regular business hours on the next business day.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all locations and divisions of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court are closed on **Thursday, June 25, 2026**, because of currently unknown populational impacts on public transportation, street closures, internet access and access to parking and to the nature and extent of potential rallies/marches and gatherings due to the FIFA games. All locations and divisions of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court will re-open at regular business hours on the next business day.

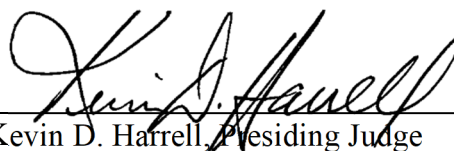
THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED, RESCINDED, MODIFIED OR EXTENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

Any questions regarding this Administrative Order should be directed to Court Administration at (816) 881-3658.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

May 12, 2026

DATE



Kevin D. Harrell, Presiding Judge

Certificate of Service

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was emailed to the following on May 12, 2026.

All staff

Betsy Ledgerwood, Clerk of the Court, Supreme Court of Missouri