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Announcements

36th District Court Announces Temporary Closure Due to COVID-19

Nov 17, 2020

Effective Wednesday, November 18, 2020 all matters at the 36th District Court, with the exception of felony arraignments, emergency evictions, and virtual felony exams, are suspended through December 8, 2020. All scheduled matters during this period will be adjourned to a later date, and all parties will be properly notified.

The 36th District Court had previously suspended all in-person hearings on November 5, 2020. As the City of Detroit has seen its positivity rate nearly triple in the last few weeks, further preventative measures are now crucial. The alarming rise in cases throughout the state in recent days also necessitated this course of action.

Chief Judge William C. McConico stated, “I would like to express my deep appreciation for the citizens of the City of Detroit, who have shown that following the science and taking all necessary precautions can make a difference. Such actions have resulted in a comparatively low positivity rate for the City. Even though our numbers may not be as high as those in surrounding areas, this virus disproportionately inflicts serious harm and death upon people of color. The impact of COVID-19 on the City of Detroit has been dire and extensive.”

“The 36th District Court now needs to do its part to keep the public and our employees safe. Taking this precaution may likely save lives and prevent serious illness. It will also ensure that the Court is in a good position to continue operations in three weeks. As has been the case throughout this pandemic, I will remain in contact with the Detroit Health Department and monitor the situation as we move forward” continued Chief Judge McConico.

The Court appreciates the patience and understanding of all parties during this time.

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