

**IN DISTRICT COURT OF SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS**  
**Administrative Order No. 20-02**

**ORDER REGARDING COURT SERVICES OFFICERS AND REPORTING DURING  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

This Order is being issued in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

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 Monday, March 16, 2020:

1. The Shawnee County, Kansas, Third 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 Courthouse in person.
3. All DNA swabs, urinalysis collection and testing, except related to Drug Court, and home visits are immediately suspended until further notice.

The Shawnee County District Court will implement a phased response in order to reduce the risk of exposure based on our evaluation of developing data and public health recommendations about the current pandemic.

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.**



Richard D. Anderson  
Chief Judge