

NOTICE OF GARY CITY COURT CANCELLATIONS

The Court has reviewed the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, the Order for Emergency Relief issued by the Indiana Supreme Court applicable to the courts of Lake County, dated March 13, 2020. The recommendations contained in the Order of the Indiana Supreme Court dated March 16, 2020 and Executive Order 20-24 issued by the Governor dated March 16, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

The Court has also reviewed its practices and concludes that the practice of scheduling large number of cases for the same time must immediately cease. In order to achieve compliance with CDC, State and Local recommendations regarding group size and social distancing the Court will take the following steps:

1. Mayor Jerome Prince by Executive Order closed the Gary Public Safety building, where the court is located to the public on March 17, 2020, to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.
2. All cases scheduled between March 18, 2020 and April 30, 2020 will be continued to late May, 2020 or thereafter. The Clerk of the Court shall notify the parties of the new court date, or a party may review the following: <https://public.courts.in.gov/mycase/>
3. The Gary City Court will remain open and may be contacted by phone or fax, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (219) 881-1271.
4. Defendants and attorneys having urgent matters, may contact the Court to request immediate action by phone or fax. Attorneys wanting Bench Warrants recalled must contact the Lake County Prosecutor's Office, before faxing Motion and Proposed Order.
5. There is no change in the court's handling of initial hearings, bond reduction hearings and public defender cases for those being held in Gary City and Lake County jails.
6. The Court imposed a moratorium on evictions from March 20, 2020 to April 20, 2020.
7. The staff of the Gary City Court has and will continue to contact attorneys and/or defendants by phone, mail or email regarding their case(s), when deemed necessary.

Thank you for your prompt attention and cooperation during this most difficult time.

SO ORDERED THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.



Deidre L. Monroe, Judge
Gary City Court