

Emergency Pandemic Protocols  
Gary City Court  
Judge Deidre L. Monroe

Based upon the pandemic metrics issued by the Indiana State Department of Health, as of November 18, 2020. Lake County is now in the "Red Zone". Therefore, effective immediately, the Court accepts the recommendations suggested by Governor Eric Holcomb, ISDH, and the Resuming Court Operations Task Force, and will initiate the following protocols:

1. Gary City Court will be closed to the public beginning December 7, 2020 – January 9, 2021.
2. There will be no jury trials.
3. All hearings will be held remotely. All hearings will be held at their usual times, but will be held via zoom. Properly executed Plea Agreements and written waivers must be filed 3 days prior to the proceedings. Attorneys may fax documents to the Court. As an exception to this rule, **emergency hearings** may be held in court if they cannot be held remotely, but only if specifically authorized by the Court, and the only people who will be allowed in the Courtroom beside Court staff will be the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, the Defense Attorney, and any essential witnesses.

**Criminal/Traffic/City Code- Court calls zoom contact is:**

**Zoom meeting ID: 218-458-7068                      Passcode: 6GTFVY**

**Civil/Night/Saturday- Court Calls is:**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 317-818-8474                      Passcode: bx82v3**

If you do not have Zoom capabilities to participate, you may call the Zoom telephone number at **(312) 626-6799** US (Chicago), please enter when prompted the meeting ID and passcode listed below.

**Meeting ID: 218 458 7068                      Passcode: 501850    Criminal/Traffic/City Court**

**Meeting ID: 317 818 8474                      Passcode: 726642    Civil/Night/Saturday Court**

4. The best contact for the court is (219) 881-1271 phone and (219) 881-1278 fax.
5. The wearing of facial coverings and temperature checks will be required while in the Courtroom.
6. These protocols shall remain in effect until January 9, 2021, until further order of the Court.

**Please note that Rule 2.17 of the Indiana Code of Conduct prohibits the recording of the Court proceedings. Therefore, anyone who participates in, or record the proceedings in any manner. Violations of Rule 2.17 shall result in Contempt of Court.**