

Emergency Pandemic Protocols

Lake Superior Court, County Division #2

Judge Sheila M. Moss

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 and implements the recommendations suggested by Governor Eric Holcomb, Indiana State Department of Health, and the Resuming Court Operations Task Force, and will initiate the following protocols:

1. There will be no criminal or civil jury trials, due to the continuing state of emergency for Covid 19.
2. All hearings will be held remotely. The regular court calls will continue to be held at the usual times, and will continue to be held via zoom. Properly executed written waivers must be filed prior to the proceedings. See FORMS on the courts web site. As an exception to this remote rule, emergency hearings may be held in court if they cannot be held remotely, but only if specifically authorized by the Court. The only people allowed in the Courtroom other than the court staff, will be the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, the defense Attorney, the defendant, and any essential witnesses.
3. All employees of the court will work remotely.

4. Zoom meeting and passwords for both civil and criminal cases are found on the County web site
“lakecountyin.org/portal/group/county-div-2/page/covid-19”

5. The best contact for the court is by email to
Lc_division2@lakecountyin.org

6. The wearing of facial coverings shall be strictly enforced while in the Government Center.

7. These protocols shall remain in effect until further order of the court.