

Emergency Pandemic Protocols
UPDATES JANUARY 15, 2021
Lake Superior Court, County Division 3
Judge Julie N. Cantrell

The protocols set forth by this court on November 18, 2020, as stated below will continue to remain in effect until at least March 1, 2021, as the court's offices will be under construction beginning January 11, 2021. The construction is to allow for social distancing in work areas for the staff.

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. There will be no jury trials.
2. All hearings will be held remotely. Please sign into zoom at the time of your court hearing. The in-person calls will be held at the usual times, but will be held remotely. The in-custody calls will also be held at their usual times, and will continue to be held via zoom. Properly executed written waivers must be filed prior to the proceedings. 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, the Defendant, and any essential witnesses.
3. Zoom meeting ID for criminal/traffic is 510 028 5746; FAX # 219-755-3606
Zoom meeting ID for small claims/civil is 434 677 6986; FAX # 219-755-3654
4. The best contact for the court is by email at Lc_division3@lakecountyin.org or fax as listed.
5. Call 219-615-7114 or 219-615-1032 if this information does not address your issue from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

6. Employees shall be allowed to work remotely, if they are able to.

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

These protocols shall remain in effect until at least March 1, 2021, or until further order of the court.