

Emergency Pandemic Protocols
UPDATED JANUARY 6, 2021
Lake Superior Court, Criminal Division

Based upon the pandemic metrics issued by the Indiana State Department of Health, as of January 6, 2021, Lake County is again 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 continue the local existing emergency protocols until at least January 29, 2021, as follows:

1. There will be no jury trials.
2. All hearings will be held remotely. 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, only if specifically authorized by the Court, upon proper motion filed, and the only people who will be allowed in the courtroom besides Court staff will be the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, the Defense Attorney, the Defendant, and any essential witnesses.
3. Zoom Meeting IDs, Passcodes and office telephone numbers are as follows:

Room I, Judge Salvador Vasquez ID: 668 241 8246; Passcode: Vasquez606
(Secretary Nancy Morgan may be reached at (219) 755-3501, Ext. 325)

Room II, Judge Natalie Bokota ID: 664 802 8080; Passcode: 714589
(Secretary Patricia Hutton may be reached at (219) 755-3515)

Room III, Judge Diane Ross Boswell ID: 891 975 9423; Passcode: 900819
(Secretary Rene Fleming may be reached at (219) 755-3500, Ext. 342)

Room IV, Judge Samuel L. Cappas ID: 985 678 0409; Passcode: No passcode
(Secretary Lynne Adams may be reached at (219) 755-3500, Ext. 345)

4. Employees will work on-site but with facial coverings required when within 6 feet of others.