

# USDC – EDMO COVID-19 INFORMATION CENTER (as of 12/15/2020)

## EAGLETON AND LIMBAUGH COURTHOUSE BUILDING STATUS

- Per the Court's [December 15, 2020 Order](#), the Courthouses are closed for trials, but open for limited scheduled in-person hearings or by specific appointment scheduled with a Court or agency, through March 15, 2021.
- The [December 15, 2020 Order](#) sets forth protocols for building entry due to COVID. Anyone who cannot enter or is unwilling to enter any courthouse in violation of the protocols will be referred by a Court Security Officer to the Court or agency with whom the person has business, in the manner directed by the Court or agency.
- [Contact Information](#) for each Court and agency is provided online and at district courthouses.

## CIVIL CASES

- Per the Court's [December 15, 2020 Order](#), all civil proceedings will be remote, unless a specific in-person exception is directed by the Presiding Judge in the case.
- All in-person ADR requirements are suspended until further Order of the Court. All parties needing additional scheduling relief should consult with opposing parties and motion the Court.
- Drop boxes are available in lobby areas for self-represented litigants (SRLs). Drop boxes are for filings only. All items will be scanned by security.
- SRLs can also file cases by e-mail during this time, see [Public Notice](#) of April 9 for instructions.
- Per the Court's [April 22 Order](#), statutory deadlines for administrative and civil judicial asset forfeiture proceedings and actions have been extended.

## CRIMINAL CASES

- As stated in the [December 15 Order](#), all trials are continued to a date no sooner than March 15, 2021, but a limited number of non-trial in-person criminal proceedings are permitted. All other criminal hearings will be held remotely. The Speedy Trial Act is waived for those jury trials that are continued due to these limitations.
- As set out in the [December 15 Order](#), videoconferencing and teleconferencing are to be used for criminal proceedings unless the defendant does not consent or unless otherwise directed by the presiding judge. Per the Court's [April 29 Order](#), processes for combined pleas and sentencings have been created.
- For specific questions on how individual judges are managing their cases, contact the [Case Management Team](#) for chambers; for general questions about connectivity to defendants in jails contact the Clerk's Office or the Federal Defender Office for more information, and consult the [remote criminal process guidelines for attorneys](#).

## HOURS AND STATUS OF CLERK'S OFFICE

- The Eagleton and Limbaugh Courthouse Clerk's Offices are open for remote business only, or by other scheduled specific appointment, until March 15, 2021. Consult our [Contact Information](#) for remote business information.
- For payment of any Court-ordered cost, see the Court's [remote payment options](#).
- Register for the Court's Newsfeed at [www.moed.uscourts.gov](http://www.moed.uscourts.gov) or Twitter (@USCourtsMOED).

## PUBLIC ACCESS TO COURT HEARINGS

- For instructions on how the public and media can use teleconferencing to access court hearings, see the [Public Notice](#) dated August 12, 2020.

## NATURALIZATIONS

- Naturalizations are proceeding, but with shortened ceremonies and social distancing precautions in place. Contact the [USCIS](#) St. Louis Field Office for more information.