

USDC – EDMO COVID-19 INFORMATION CENTER

(as of 3/2/2023)

EAGLETON AND LIMBAUGH COURTHOUSE BUILDING STATUS

- Per the Court's [Building Entry Order](#) masks are not mandatory in common areas, but is recommended in Courthouses of the Eastern District of Missouri. Each court or agency may set its own protocols within its own space as to masking and other COVID related measures.
- Persons should not enter the courthouses if they have been exposed to COVID or have COVID symptoms. Anyone who cannot enter the courthouses may contact the appropriate court or agency about remote business options.
- [Contact Information](#) for each building agency is provided online and at district courthouses.

CIVIL CASES

- Per the Court's [Case Operations Order](#), a limited number of in-person proceedings and jury trials may proceed, subject to COVID protocols as determined by the Judge. Civil cases may also proceed remotely.
- Per the Court's amended Local Rule 6.02, remote ADR may take place in any case, with approval of the Court or the mediator. All parties needing additional scheduling relief should consult with opposing parties and motion the Court.
- A drop box is available on the 3rd floor of the Eagleton Courthouse for self-represented litigants (SRLs) and others. Drop box is for District Court filings only.
- 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 [Case Operations Order](#), a limited number of in-person jury trials and other hearings may proceed with COVID protocols in place. The Speedy Trial Act is waived for those jury trials that are continued.
- Videoconferencing and teleconferencing may 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

- All offices of the District Court are open.
- Consult the Courthouse [Contact Information](#) for current operational status for other agencies.
- 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 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 February 9, 2023.
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NATURALIZATIONS

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