

To: All Iowans
From: Iowa Judicial Branch
Re: Judicial Branch Operations Summary
Date: June 8, 2020

The supreme court will allow nonjury trials to commence before July 13, 2020 in specific counties if the county courthouse is open to the public and the court operations in that county meet recommended COVID-19 safety protocols established by state court administration. Those safety protocols have been established and posted on the judicial branch website.

Reference Materials:

[State Court Administration Safety Protocol Checklist, June 5, 2020](#)

[Supreme Court Supervisory Order Court Services, May 22, 2020](#)

[Supreme Court Supervisory Order Case Priorities, May 22, 2020](#)

[Supreme Court Supervisory Order Jumpstart Family Law Trials Task Force, May 22, 2020](#)

[Supreme Court Supervisory Order Jumpstart Jury Task Force, May 6, 2020](#)

[Supreme Court Supervisory Order Bar Exam, May 6, 2020](#)

[Supreme Court Supervisory Order on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice, April 6, 2020](#)

Summary:

Clerk of Court Offices: Clerk's offices will continue with their current policies regarding public access and staffing. If you need to access the clerk's office for emergency and essential matters, please call the clerk of court's office first so that you are provided with procedures that are in place. Phone numbers are listed in the [Clerk of Court phone directory](#) on the judicial branch website. Do not visit the clerk's office or the courthouse in person if you are feeling ill or if you are subject to a quarantine.

Please feel free to share any concerns or questions you may have with Anna Stoeffler (anna.stoeffler@iowacourts.gov), Chief Justice Christensen's Senior Law Clerk. Ms. Stoeffler is regularly reviewing these communications and assembling and forwarding information to the Chief Justice.

The Iowa Judicial Branch sincerely appreciates the professionalism and patience from attorneys, law enforcement, county attorneys, public defenders and all Iowans who access the courts in their communities.