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**EMERGENCY NOTICE – COURT PROCEEDINGS SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON APPEARANCES**

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The Outagamie County Circuit Courts are issuing this general notice, described in greater detail below, to provide direction and procedure as it relates to Court operations in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

On March 17, 2020 the Director of State Courts issued AB 20-06 directing that circuit courts reduce court hearings to essential functions only. The directive is that the circuit courts remain open to the public but will only have limited critical day-to-day functions available.

On March 22, 2020, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin issued an Order related to “Remote Hearings during the Covid-19 Pandemic”. In this order, they **suspended all in-person proceedings in circuit courts. All parties for all court appearances are to appear via phone, teleconferencing, video conferencing in lieu of in-person courtroom appearances.** This is in effect, unless you have received a direct Order issued by a Circuit Court Judge after March 22, 2020 requiring your personal appearance.

The Courts are also operating on a very limited court schedule to maintain critical day-to-day operations of the courts.

If you were scheduled to have a court hearing held, please contact the Court listed below.

Br. 1 – Hon. Mark McGinnis (920) 832-5152	Br. 2 – Hon. Emily Lonergan (920)832-5153
Br. 3 – Hon. Mitch Metropulos (920) 832-5245	Br. 4 – Hon. Gregory Gill Jr. (920) 832-5602
Br. 5 – Hon. Carrie Schneider (920) 832-1550	Br. 6 – Hon. Vince Biskupic (920) 832-6038
Br. 7 – Hon. John DesJardins (920) 832-4727	Court Comm. Brian Figy (920) 832-5093
Family Court Hearings - (920) 832-5057	Small Claims matters - (920) 832-5093

These policies are emergency and temporary in nature. They are subject to future revision but effective from the date of this order until at least May 22, 2020, and likely thereafter.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2020.

*Hon. Carrie A. Schneider*

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Circuit Court, Branch V  
Presiding Judge, Outagamie County