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Indiana State Courts:

All Appellate Courts (Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Court):

- All filing deadlines in all cases are tolled until April 6, 2020.
- Filing in Appellate Clerk's Office & Drop Box are suspended (largely inapplicable)

All Trial Courts Generally:

- Speedy trial requirements and rules setting time limits in all criminal, juvenile, mental health, and appellate matters (no expiration)
- Judgments, support orders, and statutes of limitation are tolled during this period; judgments do not accrue interest during tolling period

Supreme Court's Order here: <https://www.in.gov/judiciary/files/order-other-2020-20S-CB-123a.pdf>

Lake County Courts (Circuit & Superior):

- Tolling on general trial court matters (above) is through May 4, 2020
- All jury trials suspended through May 4, 2020
- Any attorney wishing to appear remotely for a non-evidentiary hearing may do so by filing a notice without leave of court required
- Any court may consider Coronavirus risk to constitute "good cause" for continuing a hearing or holding it remotely
- Courts are required to reexamine need for continuing these policies by April 17, 2020
- All courthouses are closed (by order of the County Commissioners) until further notice

Order here: <https://www.in.gov/judiciary/files/order-ar17-20S-CB-110.pdf>

Porter County Courts:

- Identical to Lake County, except remote appearances by notice and "good cause" continuance are only available until April 24, 2020

Marion County Courts:

- Each court may exercise general jurisdiction over any other court in the county

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- Each court may continue any hearing it deems non-essential
- Certain matters (mostly criminal) will be limited to a single courtroom
- Court staff to be limited only to the number necessary to process emergency matters
- Provision to remain in effect until May 1, 2020

Administrative Orders regarding Coronavirus procedures for each of the 92 counties plus municipal courts may be found here: <https://www.in.gov/judiciary/5578.htm>

Indiana Federal Courts:

Northern District:

- All jury trials continued to a date after May 1, 2020
- All in-person proceedings in civil matters are converted to telephonic
- Criminal proceedings will be telephonic when possible
- In criminal matters, initial appearances, arraignments, and “essential matters” will continue to be heard by magistrate judges
- Requests for emergency relief must be brought by motion
- Federal courthouses remain open, but people seeking entry are subject to screening

Orders here: <https://www.innd.uscourts.gov/sites/innd/files/GeneralOrder2020-05.pdf>
<https://www.innd.uscourts.gov/sites/innd/files/2020-07.pdf>

Southern District:

- All jury trials continued generally
- All civil matters will proceed as scheduled, via telephone or video conference at judge’s discretion
- Criminal matters also will proceed as scheduled, via telephone or video conference when permissible
- Court will conduct “necessary hearings” on written notice from counsel
- Federal courthouses are closed

Order here:

<https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/sites/insd/files/Court%20General%20Order%20RE%20COVID-19%20-%20203-19-20.pdf>