

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
ORDER FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING COMMISSION
REGARDING COVID-19 VIRUS PROCEDURES

On March 16, 2020, the Missouri Supreme Court issued an order suspending all in-person proceedings in all Missouri circuit and appellate courts, with limited exceptions, from March 17, 2020 through April 3, 2020. This was done in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). In response to this order, this Commission held a meeting on March 17, 2020, and decided to suspend all in-person proceedings effective immediately through April 3, 2020, except for the cases noted below. None of this Commission's cases fall under the exceptions listed by the Supreme Court in its order.

The only exceptions to this current order are emergency suspensions, stay orders, and Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act ("IDEA") cases. These cases will be conducted as needed by telephone.

With regard to IDEA cases, since we have no authority to continue these cases, for public health and safety, we urge the parties to file motions to continue these cases. If the parties are unable to agree to a continuance, please be advised that the hearing will only be held via telephone. Additional information will be provided to the parties.

Filing deadlines are not suspended as electronic filing and fax filing remain available and in full operation. If you have questions, please contact our offices for instructions at (573) 751-2422.

Motions, pleadings, and other requests to this Commission filed during this time period will be processed and ruled upon as circumstances allow.

Therefore, on our own motion, we continue all hearings set between March 17, 2020 and April 3, 2020. Cases set for videoconference during this time period are also continued because they require the parties and witnesses to appear alongside the Commission's employees at videoconference locations. Cases continued will be reset in a separate order at a later date.

So Ordered March 17, 2020:



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