

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-19

ORDER SUSPENDING WORK RELEASE

This District has issued a series of administrative orders in an ongoing, phased response to the concerns implicated by the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As information becomes available, new risk assessments are required.

The Douglas County Health Department has issued its Emergency Public Health Order effective at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, under authority granted by Kansas law, not limited to K.S.A. 65-119, K.S.A. 65-129b and K.S.A. 65-202, restricting residents to their homes except for “Essential Activities” as described therein;

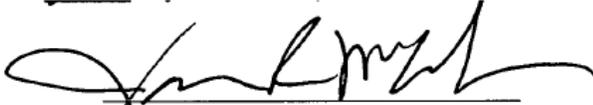
There are now, as of this order, four confirmed cases of COVID-19 in this District;

Orders similar to the Douglas County Health Department Order have issued in districts neighboring this district and other orders of a similar nature are issuing in this State and in Missouri and other states;

This Court deems it necessary and appropriate to issue the following Order as part of the phased response to ongoing concerns for the safety of citizens, both those subject to custody by order of any judge of this district and otherwise.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, effective immediately and until further Order of the Court, all persons subject to an order remanding them to the custody of the Sheriff to serve a sentence in any criminal case in this district, which sentence authorized work release, the work release portion of that sentence is hereby suspended until further order of the Court. Any person who is out on work release at the time this order becomes effective shall be permitted to complete that work release as previously ordered but shall thereafter remain in custody.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 23rd day of March 2020.



James R. McCabria
Chief Judge