

17<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

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**CIRCUIT COURT ANNOUNCES  
STATUS OF COURT FOR MONDAY, MARCH 16**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit is assessing the extent of its current operations in light of the coronavirus issue in our community. However, for the benefit of any persons who may have business in the Winnebago or Boone County Courthouses on **Monday, March 16, 2020**, the public should know that the Court will be **open** on Monday subject to the following conditions:

- There are no jury trials scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, March 16, in either Winnebago County or Boone County (in Boone, no trials are scheduled until the week of April 6, 2020). In other words, no jurors in either county will be asked to report on **Monday**.
- All matters scheduled in **juvenile** court **will proceed on Monday**, and all persons required to attend must attend.
- Otherwise, with respect to all criminal, civil and family cases on **Monday**, court attendance is optional. Neither those with cases in court nor their attorneys will be penalized if they don't come to court. A new date will be set, and the party will be notified. If you decide to come to court, your case will be called as scheduled.
- Persons who are on pretrial release or probation should contact their probation / court services officer for further instruction.

The Court will give further information on Monday in respect to its plans for the coming days. The Court will continue to meet its required duties under law, but with appropriate flexibility in light of current public health concerns.

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