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## **State Courthouses to Open to the Public**

All state courthouses will reopen fully to the public beginning Monday, Aug. 2.

Members of the public will no longer need to have a scheduled court proceeding or an appointment in order to enter a state courthouse.

While court operations continued remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic, court facilities were closed to the public in March 2020. Courthouses have been open for in-person temporary restraining order applications and child support payments since last summer and staffing at all court facilities has increased incrementally.

In-person criminal trials were held briefly last fall and resumed June 15. Grand juries began to resume sessions in person also in mid-June.

The Judiciary will continue to monitor COVID-19 trends and look to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state Department of Health for guidance and direction on its response to the pandemic.

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