

For Clerk of Court Website – COVID update/Court Operations

Since June 1, 2021, all normal, pre-COVID Court activity was permitted to resume. Most hearings at the Columbia County Courthouse in all four branches are being conducted in person, which is stated in the court notices. Each branch has made exceptions for some specific hearings to be held by Zoom, and the notices provide the Zoom information.

Beginning June 28, 2021, the Court has adopted the position, pursuant to current CDC guidelines, that all fully vaccinated persons may enter the courthouse without a mask. This will operate on the honor system with the public. Anyone who would like to continue to wear a mask may do so subject to lawful directives from law enforcement or the Courts.

E-filing rules apply for the filing of documents with the Court by attorneys and unrepresented parties who choose to file documents through the e-filing system. Paper filings for individuals who are unrepresented by counsel can be mailed to the Clerk of Court office at P O Box 587, Portage WI 53901 or can be dropped off at the Clerk of Court office. Documents can not be filed with the Court by e-mail.

The physical location of the Columbia County Courthouse is 400 DeWitt Street in Portage. The courthouse is open Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:30. There is a security screening at the front door.

If you have any questions relating to court activity or procedures prior to coming to the courthouse, you may contact the Clerk of Court office at 608-742-9880 (criminal/traffic matters) or 608-742-9620 (family/civil matters).