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### **Important Notice; Temporary Suspension of In-Person Hearings**

Beginning March 16, 2020, the Tribunal is suspending all in-person hearings and prehearing conferences until April 20, 2020, pursuant to the MOAHR Policy and Procedure for Temporary Suspension of In-Person Hearings, issued today.

The Tribunal's in-person Small Claims hearings have been converted to telephonic hearings. Entire Tribunal hearings have been adjourned and Entire Tribunal in-person prehearing conferences have been converted to telephonic.

Please refer to the MOAHR Policy on page two for further information.

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Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules Policy and Procedure <b>Temporary Suspension of In-Person Hearings</b>	Issued Date <b>03/13/2020</b>	Number <b>15</b>
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**Policy Statement:**

Pursuant to Governor Whitmer's recent guidance regarding COVID-19 community mitigation strategies, it is necessary to suspend all in-person administrative hearings until April 20, 2020, subject to further extension if warranted by the circumstances.

**Procedure:**

1. All currently scheduled in-person hearings shall be converted to three-way telephone, teleconference, or video teleconference hearings, with proper party notifications.
2. All currently scheduled in-person hearings that cannot be converted to three-way telephone, teleconference, or video teleconference hearings shall be adjourned until on or after April 20, 2020, with proper party notifications.
3. Except as provided in paragraph 4, all future hearings are to be scheduled for participation by the administrative law judge and the parties via three-way telephone, teleconference, or video teleconference.
4. For those case types in which hearings cannot be conducted via three-way telephone, teleconference, or teleconference, such hearings shall be scheduled on or after April 20, 2020.

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