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In an effort to protect public health as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) asked courts to consider taking steps to reduce the population of juvenile justice (JJ) facilities. In accordance with [Executive Order 2020-146](#) (or subsequent applicable executive order), juvenile justice specialists and residential and detention staff should work with the youth's court of jurisdiction to review files and determine whether it is appropriate to recommend early release. When making a recommendation for early release to the court, factors should include, but are not limited to:

- The youth's approved re-entry plan and the family's capacity to provide the necessary supports.
- Whether the youth can adhere to restrictions in [Executive Order 2020-115](#) (or subsequent applicable executive order), temporary restrictions on certain events, gatherings and businesses.
- Availability and accessibility of community services.
- Progress in treatment.
- Most recent Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment (MJJAS) risk level. If youth is nearing a 6-month reassessment or there is reason to believe the risk factors have been mitigated, consider completing a new risk assessment.