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## PRESS RELEASE

Marion County Resident Circuit Judge Mark Stedelin, Marion County States Attorney Bill J. Milner and Marion County Circuit Clerk Ronda Yates have announced that, during this period of concern regarding the potential spread of the coronavirus, the court and court services will remain open and operating as normal.

To address concerns regarding the spread of the virus, court officials request that persons who do not have to appear before the court not attend court sessions or come to the courthouse. Those persons who do attend are urged to take common sense steps to avoid the spread of the virus, such as avoiding close contact with others in attendance, washing their hands frequently with soap and water and covering their mouths when coughing. If you are feeling sick and your appearance is not required, please stay home. If you have a case set before the court and feel too ill to attend, please contact the Circuit Clerk's office the day of your scheduled appearance.

Court staff will be taking steps to reduce the chance of the spread of the virus. Among those steps will be that individuals who attend court and appear ill will be directed to leave the courthouse. If such individuals are required to appear before the court in a pending case, their court appearances will be reset to a different time.

Officials of the Marion County Circuit Court will continue to monitor the situation and may take further steps as circumstances may require.