On Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Election officials Britt Bermingham, left, and Terry Perry count ballots as City of Milwaukee Election Commission workers are processing absentee ballots on the fourth floor of an office building Monday in Milwaukee.

The only other time Supreme Court arguments have been held outside the courthouse was in October 2001, when anthrax was detected in the court mailroom. That led the justices to hold arguments in the federal courthouse about a half mile from the Supreme Court, but only for one week.

In 1918, when the court still met inside the Capitol, arguments were postponed for a month because of the flu pandemic. Smaller outbreaks in the late 1700s also caused postponement of court business.