

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF HUNTINGDON COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: 20th Judicial District – Actions : CP-31-MD-87-2020
Pursuant to Declaration of Judicial : AO-6-2020
Emergency :

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 16th day of March, 2020, pursuant to this Court's Declaration of Judicial Emergency, issued March 16, 2020, and as authorized by the Supreme Court's Order of March 16, 2020 (No. 531 Judicial Administration Docket), the Court Orders as follows:

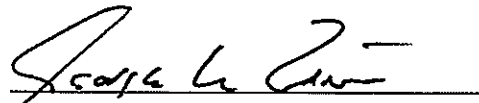
1. The Court has issued its Declaration of Judicial Emergency to address the current and expanding outbreak of COVID-19 infections in Pennsylvania, the anticipated expansion of that outbreak into the 20th Judicial District, and the need to prevent or at least minimize the spread of COVID-19 within the District, particularly among its vulnerable populations.
2. The Court has previously issued Administrative Orders AO-4-2020 (CP-31-MD-82-2020) and AO-5-2020 (CP-31-MD-83-2020). These Administrative Orders, authorizing electronic filing of documents generally (AO-4-2020) and of certain petitions for Protection From Abuse Orders specifically (AO-5-2020), are specifically declared to fall within the authority granted by the Declaration of Judicial Emergency, and are restated and reauthorized here.
3. To the greatest extent possible, and subject to the consent of the relevant parties, all proceedings during the judicial emergency, whether before the Court of Common Pleas or any Magisterial District Court of the 20th Judicial District, will be conducted by means of advanced communication technology (primarily telephone).

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4. Proceedings for urgent matters (including, without limitation, Emergency Protective Custody, Protection From Abuse Orders, and petitions for injunctive relief) that cannot be conducted by means of advanced communication technology will continue to be conducted as normal, subject to such infection control procedures as may be in effect from time-to-time.
5. With specific regard to criminal matters, no proceedings will be conducted that would involve the transportation of a defendant who is currently detained at a correctional facility or who is currently incarcerated to any court facility. All such defendants shall have the option of appearing by means of advanced communication technology. Matters for inmates who do not consent to appearing in such manner shall be continued to a time after the judicial emergency ends. Inmates and their counsel are reminded that, pursuant to the Declaration of Judicial Emergency, Rule of Criminal Procedure 600 (relating to speedy trials) has been suspended for the duration of the judicial emergency
6. For the duration of the judicial emergency within the 20th Judicial District, the Court further suspends time calculations for the purposes of time computation for the filing of documents or the taking of other judicially mandated action.
7. This Administrative Order shall be effective immediately, and shall continue in effect until the earlier of: (i) April 14, 2020; or (ii) termination by the Court.

BY THE COURT:


George N. Zanic, President Judge

C: Kay Coons, Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts
Virginia Cooper, Register & Recorder/Clerk of the Orphans' Court

Jeffrey E. Leonard, Sheriff
Duane Black, Warden
Leonard Hahn, Director, Probation Department
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