

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

IN RE: Electronic Filing of Certain : CP-31-MD- 83 -2020
Petitions for Protection From Abuse : AO-5-2020
Orders :

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 16th day of March, 2020, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak in Pennsylvania and the resulting need for social distancing, as well as the potential requirement for infected persons to self-quarantine, the Court Orders as follows:


1. Petitions for Emergency Protection From Abuse Orders filed by or with the assistance of Huntingdon House or The Abuse Network may be filed via e-mail to the Prothonotary as a .pdf attachment at prothonotary.orders@huntingdoncounty.net, with copy to Court Administration at ctadmin.orders@huntingdoncounty.net, or via facsimile sent to the Prothonotary and Court Administration. In either case Court Administration will provide the Petition to the Judge for review. The *ex parte* hearing for all petitions filed in this manner will be conducted by telephone, with the Court initiating the call. Therefore, the petitioner shall remain at Huntingdon House or The Abuse Network pending the hearing, and the transmittal e-mail or facsimile cover sheet for the petition shall include a phone number where the petitioner (and their counsel, if represented) can be reached directly.
2. Upon receipt of a petition filed via e-mail, the Prothonotary shall print the transmittal e-mail and all attached documents and file them as if received in hard copy. Petitions filed via facsimile shall include the cover sheet. In each case, the Prothonotary shall add the notation "Filed under AO-5-2020" next to the time stamp.

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been filed in the Office of the
Prothonotary/Clerk of Court on

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3. The process for petitions filed in person, including those filed *pro se*, shall remain unchanged. This Order supplements, and does not replace, that process.
4. This Administrative Order shall be effective immediately, and shall continue in effect until terminated by the Court.

BY THE COURT:



George N. Zanic, President Judge

C: Kay Coons, Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts
Angela J. Robinson, District Court Administrator
Huntingdon House
The Abuse Network
Huntingdon County Bar Association