

IN RE: : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
: OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION : OF PENNSYLVANIA
: SNYDER COUNTY BRANCH
: NO: _____

ORDER

AND NOW, this 13th day of March, 2020, effective immediately and until further notice, the following Courtroom protocol will be in place:

All pleas, pretrial conferences and sentencing hearings will be held in staggered increments of time - no more than ten (10) pleas/pretrial conferences every forty-five (45) minutes; no more than eight (8) sentencing hearings every hour.

When possible, Court proceedings, custody conferences, support conferences, and master's hearings will be limited to the parties and their attorneys.

Individuals who are scheduled for Court are encouraged to remain outside of the building or in their vehicle until the scheduled time of their Court proceeding.

Individuals are not to congregate outside of the Courtroom or hallways in either Common Pleas Court or Magisterial District Court offices.

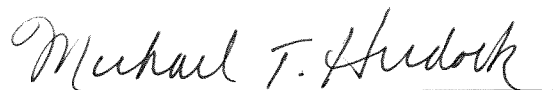
Magisterial District Court offices are to schedule proceedings appropriately to avoid individuals congregating in office areas.

The presiding officer in all court and court-related proceedings shall encourage social distancing.

Proceedings involving inmates in county or state prisons shall be conducted by video conference to minimize the risk of virus exposure to court employees, law enforcement personnel, inmates, prison staff and sheriff deputies.

When possible, all court-related officers shall use telephone or video conferences instead of office conferences.

BY THE COURT:



MICHAEL T. HUDOCK, P.J.

cc: Honorable Michael T. Hudock, P.J.

Honorable Michael H. Sholley, J.
Honorable Louise O. Knight, S.J.
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