

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

MIDDLE DISTRICT

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IN RE: 52nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT - :
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL : ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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DECLARATION

AND NOW, this 17th day of March, 2020, pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order dated March 16, 2020, I declare a judicial emergency in the 52nd Judicial District for the following period: March 17, 2020 through March 30, 2020.

The operation of Rule of Criminal Procedure 600 shall be suspended in the 52nd Judicial District during the period of local judicial emergency.

During the period of the local judicial emergency the following procedures will be in effect:

1. In person appearances at County of Lebanon facilities will not be permitted, absent exigent circumstances. Exigent circumstances, include but are not limited to:
 - A. Protection from Abuse Matters;
 - B. Bench Warrant Hearings;
 - C. Emergency Custody Matters;
 - D. Emergency Guardianship Matters;
 - E. Emergency Dependency Matters;
 - F. Emergency Delinquency Matters

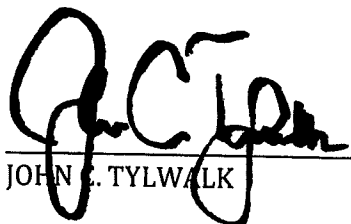
In these instances, only participants will be permitted to be present in the Courthouse during the period of judicial emergency.

2. In person filings will not be accepted in the row offices, absent exigent circumstances. This applies to the Court of Common Pleas as well as the Magisterial District Courts. Filings may be made via mail, email or facsimile (fax). Email and/or fax filings will need

to be followed by the original document (with original signatures) via mail and include the appropriate filing fee if any. Filings submitted by either email or fax will be time stamped upon receipt and preserve filing dates provided originals are received.

3. To the extent possible all currently scheduled hearings will be conducted via video conference or teleconference where appropriate. If a hearing cannot be conducted by alternative means, it will be rescheduled. Individuals having cases scheduled with the Court during the period of judicial emergency will receive information concerning their specific case.
4. As a designated Court Department, these restrictions apply to Domestic Relations filings as well. Payments may be mailed directly to PA SCDU in Harrisburg. For inquiries, please contact the Domestic Relations Office via telephone at (717) 228-4480.
5. As a designated Court Department, these restrictions apply to Probation Services. With regard to Probation Services, visits to the office should be limited to those directed by Probation Services, such as scheduled appointments and reporting as directed for drug testing. Other inquiries should be limited to email or telephone at (717) 273-1557.
6. Criminal Miscellaneous Proceedings are cancelled during the period of the local judicial emergency. All matters scheduled during this time will be rescheduled. Individuals having cases scheduled with the Court during the period of judicial emergency will receive information concerning their specific case.

BY THE COURT:



JOHN C. TYLWALK P.J.