

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ADMINISTRATIVE DOCKET

IN RE: AMENDED)
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT) No. AD - 2020 - _____ - PJ
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS)
PLAN)
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ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 22nd day of March 2020, consistent with the Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated March 16, 2020, this Court having declared a judicial emergency in the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, this Court amends its previous Emergency Operations Orders and now orders that the following actions be taken pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2):

- All time calculations for the purposes of time computation relevant to court cases or other judicial business, as well as time deadlines, are suspended subject to constitutional restrictions.
- Additional uses of advanced communication technology to conduct court proceedings, is authorized subject to constitutional restrictions.
- All provisions of this Order apply to cases scheduled from March 19, 2020 through April 14, 2020.
- Until further Order of Court, the Family Law Center is closed to the Public.

- Until further Order of Court, no inmates or juveniles will be transported from state correctional facilities, county jails or prisons, Shuman Detention Center, or Hartman Shelter. Where the participation of the inmate or juvenile is required, advanced communication technology shall be employed.
- When a court reporter or other approved form of recording court proceedings is unavailable, alternative forms of recording shall be permitted.
- Alternative methods of signing, delivery and service of court documents and orders shall be permitted.

Civil Division

- Jury and non-jury trials are suspended pending further Order of Court.
- Effective immediately General Motions heard by the General Motions Judge shall be restricted to Petitions for Injunctive Relief relating to public health and/or safety for and/or risk for human life concerns such as taking of residential property, ejection, eviction and/or other public health issues or concerns involving immediate and irreparable harm, or any other Emergency Motion.
- All Housing Court Motions shall be restricted to Emergency Motions relating to matters involving public health and/or safety for and/or risk for human life concerns, including but not limited to evictions, addressing suspension of utilities, and or other habitability issues involving public health and/or safety for and/or risk for human life concerns.
- Until further Order of Court, all Emergency Motions and Petitions for Injunctive Relief involving public health and/or safety for and/or risk for human life concerns will be handled at the Pittsburgh Municipal Court Building, 660 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Proceedings will be handled using Advanced Communication Technology.

- Emergency Motions and Petitions for Injunctive Relief will be addressed on a case by case basis. To schedule Emergency Motions or Petitions for Injunctive Relief please contact the Court by email at civilpmcteam@allegheycourts.us, and/or call (412) 439-7914 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.
- Emergency Motions and Petitions for Injunctive Relief will be handled Monday through Friday during the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.
- Discovery Motions are suspended pending further Order of Court.
- Arbitration hearings including landlord/tenant arbitration hearings are suspended until further Order of Court.
- Hearings before the Board of Viewers are suspended until further Order of Court
- In any case especially assigned to a judge, all current proceedings are suspended until further Order from the assigned judge.
- All previously scheduled motions, hearings, and/or oral arguments, including those on the General Argument list, are suspended until further Order of Court.
- Calendar Control Motions are suspended until further Order of Court.
- The Administrative Order at AD93 of 2020 regarding the continuation of cases scheduled for Allegheny County Sheriff's Sale on April 6, 2020 is hereby incorporated into this Order.
- The Administrative Order at AD94 of 2020 regarding the suspension of execution of Writs of Possession by the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office is hereby incorporated into this Order.

Criminal Division

- All court events, except as indicated below, in each of the criminal division courtrooms are suspended until further Order of Court. Courtroom staff will notify all litigants prior to their scheduled events and propose a continuance date acceptable to all parties.
- Daily motions court are limited to bail hearings, motions to lift detainers, and other emergency matters.

- Summary and statutory appeals are suspended until further Order of Court.
- The motions counter in Room 534 is closed until further notice. For emergency motions please contact the court at (412) 350-1229.
- Defendants who wish to address warrants for failure to appear may do so by phoning (412) 350-1229.
- Pretrial conference and formal arraignments are suspended until further Order of Court.

Family Division

Child Support, Divorce, Alimony, & Equitable Distribution of Property

- Scheduled conferences and hearings in support, custody, equitable distribution, and divorce are suspended until further Order of Court.
- With the consent of the parties, any matter may be presented to the Court by motion, without a hearing, pursuant to the judges' procedures on the website, for entry of an Order.

Custody

- Emergency custody motions will be addressed on a case by case basis. For emergency custody motions please contact the court by email at emergencycustody@alleghecourts.us Monday through Friday between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.
- With the consent of the parties, any matter may be presented to the Court by motion, without a hearing, pursuant to the judges' procedures on the website, for entry of an Order.

Protection from Abuse

- Until further Order of Court, all Temporary Protection from Abuse matters will be handled at the Pittsburgh Municipal Court Building, 660 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Proceedings will be handled using Advanced Communication Technology.
- Temporary Protection from Abuse Petitions will be handled during the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M Monday through Friday.

- Emergency Protection from Abuse petitions will be handled from 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 A.M. Monday through Friday and 24 hours Saturday and Sunday.
- Final Protection from Abuse Hearings are suspended until further Order of Court.
- Temporary Orders for Protection from Abuse shall remain in effect until fifteen (15) days after the end of the judicial emergency unless otherwise indicated in the Temporary Order.
- Until further Order of Court Indirect Criminal Contempt (ICC) Complaints will not be accepted by private petition.
- ICC Police Complaints will be accepted, and bail hearings will be held before a Magisterial District Judge using Advanced Communication Technology. If a defendant is detained, a bail hearing shall be held before the Judge assigned to hear the Temporary PFA Petitions.
- Hearings on ICC Complaints are suspended until further Order of Court.

Juvenile Delinquency

- All Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings shall be handled using Advanced Communication Technology.
- One Judge will be assigned each day to handle all juvenile matters, regardless of judge assignment.
- Detention hearings shall be heard on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Emergency Motions will be heard on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All Motions shall be filed through PACFile with a copy e-mailed to juvenilemotions@allegheycourts.us.
- In cases where the juvenile is detained prior to the adjudicatory hearing, the Court may schedule the adjudicatory hearing more than ten days after the filing of the petition or the prehearing conference as deemed appropriate by the judge, but the Court must review the detention status by memo every 10 days until the adjudicatory hearing is held. The attorney for the Juvenile and the attorney for the Commonwealth

shall be provided the opportunity to provide input in writing and/or by telephone. In all cases, the Court shall determine whether the continued detainment is constitutionally permissible.

- Adjudicatory and dispositional hearings for juveniles who are not detained are suspended until further Order of Court.
- Post-dispositional review hearings, except for post-dispositional proceedings involving a probation violation or failure to adjust allegation where a juvenile is detained are suspended until further Order of Court.
- Post-dispositional hearings where the recommendation is to close supervision may be presented by memo, for the entry of an Order to terminate supervision.
- Post-dispositional proceedings involving a probation violation allegation or failure to adjust allegation where the juvenile is detained shall be presented by video or teleconference.
- With the consent of the parties, any matter may be presented to the Court by memo, without a hearing, for entry of an Order.

Juvenile Dependency

- All Juvenile Dependency Proceedings shall be handled using Advanced Communication Technology.
- One Judge will be assigned each day to handle all juvenile matters, regardless of judge assignment.
- Juvenile dependency matters, with exception of shelter care hearings and adjudicatory and dispositional hearings where the child is in placement including kinship care, congregate care, or foster care, are suspended until further Order of Court.
- Dependency adjudicatory and dispositional hearings where the child is in placement will be heard daily.
- The Court shall continue to handle shelter care proceedings, pursuant to Pa. C.S. 6332. Shelter care hearings will be heard daily. No walk-in shelter care hearings will be permitted.

- The Court shall continue to issue orders for protective custody, pursuant to Pa. R.J.C.P. Rule 1210.
- The Court shall continue to be available to issue orders for Authorization for Medical Treatment of a Minor, pursuant to 18 Pa. C.P.S.3201.
- Emergency Motions will be heard on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All Motions shall be filed through PACFile with a copy e-mailed to juvenilemotions@allegheycourts.us.

Orphans' Court Division

- All scheduled conferences and hearings are suspended until further Order of Court.
- Emergency Motions will be heard daily at 9:30 A.M.
- Emergency hearings shall be scheduled by the Motions Judge
- Involuntary civil commitment hearings will continue as scheduled at the 17 hospital/community hearing sites.

Magisterial District Courts

- The Magisterial District Courts shall be closed to the public.
- All cases in the Magisterial District Courts are postponed.
- Eight Magisterial District Courts will remain open to police agencies for designated operations which include:
 - Criminal Complaint filing, Arrest Warrant requests and On-View Arrests only,
 - Search Warrant issuance,
 - Bail Hearings on ICC Complaints filed by police.
- The Magisterial District Courts shall operate in accordance with the Magisterial District Courts' COVID-19 Plan. See attached MDC COVID-19 plan.
- Execution of Orders for eviction or possession of residential properties in Allegheny County are stayed.

- All time calculations relevant to Magisterial District Court proceedings located in the Pennsylvania Rules of Conduct, Office Standards for Civil Procedure for Magisterial District Judges and the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure shall be suspended.
- Emergency Protection from Abuse petitions will be handled from 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 A.M. Monday through Friday and 24 hours Saturday and Sunday. Until further Order of Court, all Protection from Abuse matters will be handled at the Pittsburgh Municipal Court Building, 660 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.
- Proceedings will be handled using Advanced Communication Technology.
- Until further Order of Court Indirect Criminal Contempt (ICC) Complaints will not be accepted by private petition.
- ICC Police Complaints will be accepted, and bail hearings will be held before a Magisterial District Judge using Advanced Communication Technology. If a defendant is detained, a bail hearing shall be held before the Judge assigned to hear the Temporary PFA Petitions.
- All Magisterial District Courts are closed to the public. Pittsburgh Municipal Court Arraignment Division will remain open to the public for designated operations as set forth above in this Order.
- Police agencies are to follow the Magisterial District Courts COVID-19 Plan for the filing of criminal complaints, ICC complaints, arrest warrants, and search warrants. Eight Magisterial District Courts will remain open to the police for designated operations.

BY THE COURT:


_____ P. J.
KIM BERKELEY CLARK
PRESIDENT JUDGE

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURTS
COVID-19 PLAN

Eight Magisterial District Courts will be open to the public for specific designated operations. The eight open Magisterial District Courts will cover designated operations for the Magisterial District Courts listed in their Area. All other Magisterial District Courts are closed to the public. Designated operations include arraignments, criminal case filings and subsequent processing, issuance of search warrants and Emergency Protection from Abuse petitions.

AREA A - Pittsburgh Municipal Court, Arraignment Division will remain open for all functions.

AREA B – MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 05-2-02 DESIGNATED OPEN COURT AND WILL ADDRESS DESIGNATED OPERATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COURTS:

05-2-12 05-3-02 05-2-01
05-2-40 05-2-42

AREA C – MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 05-3-03 DESIGNATED OPEN COURT AND WILL ADDRESS DESIGNATED OPERATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COURTS:

05-3-04 05-2-05 05-2-04
05-2-03 05-2-32

AREA D – MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 05-2-28 DESIGNATED OPEN COURT AND WILL ADDRESS DESIGNATED OPERATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COURTS:

05-3-10 05-2-27 05-2-36
05-2-31 05-3-12 05-2-38
05-2-35

AREA E – MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 05-2-08 DESIGNATED OPEN COURT AND WILL ADDRESS DESIGNATED OPERATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COURTS:

05-2-11 05-2-47 05-2-10
05-2-06 05-2-07

AREA F – MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 05-3-09 DESIGNATED OPEN COURT AND WILL ADDRESS DESIGNATED OPERATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COURTS

05-2-26 05-3-05 05-2-13
05-2-14 05-2-15 05-2-16

AREA G – MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 05-2-20 DESIGNATED OPEN COURT AND WILL ADDRESS DESIGNATED OPERATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COURTS

05-2-18 05-2-17
05-2-22 05-2-19 05-3-14

AREA H – MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 05-3-06 DESIGNATED OPEN COURT AND WILL ADDRESS DESIGNATED OPERATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COURTS

05-3-17 05-2-43 05-2-25
05-3-13 05-2-21 05-2-23

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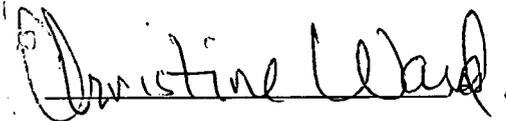
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ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW this 16th day of March 2020, it is hereby ORDERED, JUDGED AND DECREED that all cases listed for the regularly scheduled April 6, 2020 Allegheny County Sheriff's Sale shall be continued to the June 1, 2020 Sheriff sale. All cases listed currently on the April 6, 2020 sale, including those which have previously been postponed to that date may be postponed by the Plaintiff to the regularly scheduled monthly sale in July 2020 or any regularly scheduled sale thereafter by contacting the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office in writing on or before April 14, 2020 and the Sheriff shall abate charging it's postponement fee one time for each sale number.

This Order shall be published by the Sheriff in the Post-Gazette for two successive Sundays as part of its Sunday sale list advertisement and two times in the Pittsburgh Legal Journal and shall also be posted on the Sheriff's Office website and its social media pages.

BY THE COURT,



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FAMILY DIVISION
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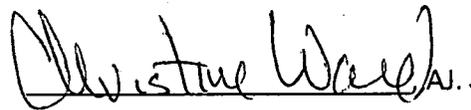
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ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW this 16th day of March 2020, it is hereby ORDERED, JUDGED AND DECREED that the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office shall not execute any Writs of Possession effective immediately through April 14, 2020. Should any Writs issued prior to this Order expire before April 14, 2020 and having been delivered to the Sheriff but the Sheriff has not effectuated possession, then the Department of Court records shall reissue the writ, pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. 3106(b) and the Sheriff's Office shall execute without assessing additional service fees to the Plaintiff.

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