

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: EXPIRATION OF DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL  
EMERGENCY AND RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS IN  
57TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. 6 FOR 2020  
ADMINISTRATIVE DOCKET

ORDER OF COURT

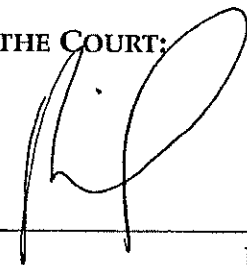
AND NOW, Friday, April 24, 2020, inasmuch as this court finds that the spread of COVID-19 into and within the 57th Judicial District (Bedford County) no longer presents a risk of the magnitude to justify the continuation of a judicial emergency and the cessation of court business, the Order of Court is as follows:

1. The state of judicial emergency in the 57th Judicial District (Bedford County) which was declared by this court until Tuesday, April 14, 2020, and thereby extended by Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania until Thursday, April 30, 2020, shall expire at the close of business on Thursday, April 30, 2020.
2. To the extent Governor Wolf's attempts to impose a "stay-at-home" order upon the public until at least Friday, May 8, 2020 conflicts with the authority of this court to resume its business, the following shall apply:
  1. Any legal papers or pleadings which are required to be filed between the declaration of the judicial emergency in the 57th Judicial District and Friday, May 8, 2020 shall be deemed to have been timely filed if they are filed by

Monday, May 11, 2020, or at a later date set by this court under subsequent Order.

2. The continued use of advanced communication technology to conduct court proceedings/conferences is encouraged, provided it is permitted by existing applicable law.
3. To promote the safety and health of court personnel, court users and the public, the Court of Common Pleas, Office of the District Court Administrator, Magisterial District Judges, Domestic Relations Office, and Probation and Parole Office shall continue efforts to inhibit the unnecessary spread of COVID-19 within their offices and public areas.
4. As of Friday, May 1, 2020, the operation of Rule of Criminal Procedure 600 is no longer suspended. Provided, however, that any time between Friday, May 1, 2020 and Tuesday, June 9, 2020 (the next scheduled day of jury selection) shall be excluded from the computation of time under Rule of Criminal Procedure 600. See *Commonwealth v. Browne*, 584 A.2d 902 (Pa. 1990); *Commonwealth v. Crowley*, 466 A.2d 1009 (Pa. 1983).

BY THE COURT:



LIVENGOOD, J.

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