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

**IN RE: DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY IN THE 15TH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT ON ACCOUNT OF COVID-19 ("CORONAVIRUS")**

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6-2020;  
SUPREME COURT DOCKET NO. 54 MM 2020**

AND NOW, this 24th day of April, 2020, in consideration of this court's April 17, 2020 Second Amendment to Administrative Order No. 6-2020, further amending the March 19, 2020 Administrative Order No. 6-2020 to generally close all Chester County courts of common pleas and magisterial district courts to the public for non-essential functions through May 31, 2020, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the March 19, 2020 Administrative Order No. 6-2020 of this court is further amended as follows:

**Common Pleas Courts**

1. Beginning on May 4, 2020, the essential functions for which the public will be permitted to enter the Chester County common pleas courts, in addition to those described in the March 19, 2020 Administrative Order No. 6-2020 and the April 17, 2020 Second Amendment to Administrative Order No. 6-2020, shall include hearings on negotiated juvenile delinquency adjudications, dispositions and consent decrees, and any other type of hearing which the parties agree to be heard by the court.<sup>1</sup>
2. The above hearings shall be staggered throughout the day, with no more than one hearing scheduled during any one half hour for a maximum of 12 hearings to be heard in any one day; i.e., hearings may be scheduled no more frequently than at 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. The attorneys during juvenile proceedings shall be given access to available jury rooms and other large rooms to accommodate pre-hearing discussions with clients, alleged victims, witnesses and other interested persons. The juvenile probation

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<sup>1</sup> From the date of this order, through May 31, 2020, the essential functions for the common pleas courts may be expanded by further Administrative Order or amendment.

officers and the attorneys for the parties are encouraged to request, and arrange for, the least number of court attendees as reasonably possible. Advanced communication technology shall be utilized to the extent reasonably possible.

3. These additional modifications to the 15th Judicial District's functions supersede and replace any modifications described in any prior Administrative Orders issued in March of 2020 and April of 2020, to the extent that there is a conflict between these modifications and those preceding modifications.
4. This Administrative Order is effective immediately.

BY THE COURT:



JOHN L. HALL

P.J.

Certified From The Record

This 24 Day of April 2020

  
Deputy Clerk of Common Pleas Court