

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEAVER COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

IN RE: CRIMINAL COURT  
ARD/PLEA HEARINGS  
(MAY 11, 2020 through  
MAY 15, 2020)

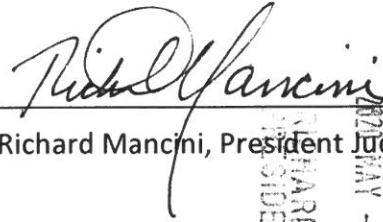
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Docket No: AD 77 - 2020

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

AND NOW, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, in accordance with the Supreme Court's Declaration of a Judicial Emergency, it is hereby ORDERED that Criminal ARD/Plea Hearings scheduled for May 11, 2020, through May 15, 2020, shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure set forth in the attached Memorandum dated May 5, 2020.

BY THE COURT



Richard Mancini, President Judge

BEAVER COUNTY  
PRESIDENT JUDGE  
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BY THE COURT

JUDY H. EINSLEIN  
CLERK OF COURTS

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BEAVER COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA



JUDGE'S CHAMBERS  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEAVER COUNTY  
THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
BEAVER, PENNSYLVANIA 15009

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President Judge

RE: Procedure for ARD/Plea Hearings in Criminal Cases

**Memo**

May 5, 2020

The procedure for the Criminal ARD/Plea Hearings scheduled during the week of May 11, 2020, through May 15, 2020 will be as follows:

1. Only the attorney for the Commonwealth and the attorney for the defendant will appear in the courtroom.
2. Counsel for the defendant shall communicate with the defendant prior to the scheduled hearing and complete the required colloquy (the same can be signed by counsel).
3. Counsel shall advise the defendant that they are NOT to appear at the courthouse. However, counsel shall have the defendant available by telephone for the hearing.
4. The ARD/Plea Hearing shall be conducted by telephone communication with the defendant.
5. At the conclusion of the hearing, the defendant will be advised as to the date and time to report to the Adult Probation Department.

6. If the plea agreement requires jail time or if it is an open plea, sentencing will be deferred to a date to be set by the Court Administrator.
7. At the time of the hearing counsel shall provide an accurate current address for the defendant.
8. Plea/sentence hearings for defendants currently in jail will continue to be conducted by video conferencing.

Additional provisions:

- a.) Face coverings are recommended, but not required.
- b.) As Officers of the Court, attorneys should review the attached list of health questions in determining whether or not it is appropriate for them to enter the courthouse (Deputy Sheriffs review these questions with members of the public prior to their entry into the courthouse).

## **COVID -19 SCREENING**

**Do you have any of these symptoms?**

**Cough**

**Fever of 100.4F or higher**

**Chills**

**Runny / Stuffy Nose**

**Shortness of Breath**

**Sore Throat**

**Have you traveled to an area with extensive  
COVID 19 in the last 14 days?**

**Have you had exposure to someone with,  
or under investigation for COVID-19?**