

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: 19TH Judicial District : 31 MM 2020
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL :
EMERGENCY :

DECLARATION

Per the Supreme Court's Order dated May 27, 2020 authorizing President Judges to declare judicial emergencies in their judicial districts, I declare a judicial emergency in the 19th Judicial District through August 31, 2020. During the emergency the following shall apply:

- (1) Limit in-person access and proceedings in order to safeguard the health and safety of court personnel, court users, and members of the public;
- (2) Suspend statewide rules that restrict, directly or indirectly, the use of advanced communication technologies; and
- (3) Suspend statewide rules pertaining to the rule-based right of criminal defendants to a prompt trial.

Any postponement caused by the judicial emergency shall be considered a court postponement and shall constitute excludable time for purposes of the application of Rule 600. See *Commonwealth v. Bradford*, 46 A.3d 693 (Pa 2012) and *Commonwealth v. Mills*, 162 A.3d 323 (Pa. 2017).

BY THE COURT:



Joseph C. Adams, President Judge
19th Judicial District