

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
WESTERN DISTRICT

IN RE: 37th Judicial District of Pennsylvania
Access to Judicial Facilities due to
COVID-19

No. 38 WM 2020

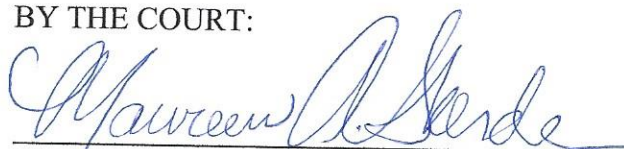
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 8th day of June, 2020, per the Supreme Court's Order dated May 27, 2020 authorizing President Judges to issue Administrative Orders in their judicial district, the 37th Judicial District of Pennsylvania consisting of Warren and Forest Counties continues suspension of operation of Rule of Criminal Procedure 600 through August 7, 2020. Until further notice through August 10, 2020, the following shall apply:

1. Limited in-person access in order to safeguard the health and safety of court personnel, court users, and members of the public;
2. Suspension of statewide rules that restrict, directly or indirectly, the use of advanced communication technologies;
3. Suspend statewide rules pertaining to the rule-based right of criminal defendants to a prompt trial; and
4. Suspend jury trials until such time that they can be conducted consistent with prevailing health and safety norms.

Therefore, it is Ordered that Jury Selection scheduled on June 29 and 30, 2020 in Warren County and Jury Selection on August 7, 2020 in Forest County is cancelled. This Court along with local court leaders will continue to assess all options for resuming jury selection and jury trials in Warren and Forest Counties as soon as possible in consideration of the health and safety of prospective jurors, court users, attorneys and court staff.

BY THE COURT:


Maureen A. Skerda, President Judge