

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF THE FIFTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**IN RE: 59<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District of Pennsylvania** \* **COUNTY BRANCH- ELK/CAMERON**  
**ACCESS TO JUDICIAL FACILITIES** \*  
**COVID-19 Pandemic** \* **No. 2020-272 (Elk County)**  
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\* **No. 2020-357 (Cameron County)**  
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\* **33 WM 2020 (PA Supreme Court)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF COURT,  
DECLARATION OF EXTENSION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY  
IN THE FIFTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
ELK AND CAMERON COUNTIES**

**AND NOW**, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, upon consideration of the increase in novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 cases in Elk and Cameron Counties <sup>1</sup> since the entry of the Administrative Order of Court by this Court on June 24, 2020, the risks, both known and unknown, that the novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 continues to present to the citizens of Elk and Cameron Counties as well as throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Cessation Of Statewide Judicial Emergency After June 1, 2020, *Per Curiam* Order, dated May 27, 2020 entered by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court at *In Re: General Statewide Judicial Emergency, Nos. 531 and 532 Judicial Administration Docket*, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED**, that the original Declaration of a Judicial Emergency that began March 17, 2020 within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, is hereby **EXTENDED UNTIL THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020 at 11:59 O'CLOCK P.M.** whereby all the terms and provisions of the Administrative Order of Court dated April 30, 2020 entered by this Court and filed of record in the above captioned matter respectively in Elk and

<sup>1</sup> Per the Pennsylvania Department of Health, namely [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov), as of August 24, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. Elk County had a total of 64 cases and Cameron County had a total of 8 reported cases of the novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 since the Pennsylvania Department of Health began maintaining such data in or about February/March 2020.

Certified to be a full, true and correct copy of the original in my custody.

Dated/Filed: 8-29-20

Attest: Wesley Deub-Elm  
Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts

Cameron Counties **SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT** until **Thursday, December 31, 2020** at 11:59 o'clock P.M. unless modified by Administrative Order of Court prior thereto.

Pa. Rule Criminal Procedure Rule 600 shall remain suspended in the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, through December 31, 2020. Alternatively, such time for Pa. Rule Criminal Procedure Rule 600 calculation is deemed by this Court to be excludable time due to the limited availability of this Court to conduct traditional pre-novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 jury selections and jury trials in a safe and healthy manner for all participants involved in such proceedings including prospective jurors, jurors, parties, attorneys, court staff and the Court as the novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 continues to present both known and unknown risks for jury selection and jury trials to occur, particularly jury selection proceedings, in a manner that such proceedings were conducted pre-novel Coronavirus/COVID-19. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, this Court has attempted and has conducted jury selection since June 24, 2020 in a limited and controlled fashion focused on the health and safety of all individuals involved in jury selection and jury trials whereby this Court along with local court leaders shall continue to assess options for the continued resumption and expansion of jury selection and jury trials in the current Coronavirus/COVID-19 environment "consistent with the prevailing health and safety norms" as provided by Emergency Order of Statewide Judicial Administration Applicable From May 1, 2020 Through June 1, 2020, *Per Curiam*, dated and entered April 28, 2020 by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court at *In Re: General Statewide Judicial Emergency, Nos. 531 and 532 Judicial Administration Docket*.

The purpose of this Administrative Order of Court is to allow this Court to continue to operate to the fullest extent possible given the current status of that the novel

Coronavirus/COVID-19 situation, including its fluid nature, that such judicial emergency status affords the President Judge to take a controlled and measured approach to returning and maintaining court operations in the novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 environment, such judicial emergency status affords the President Judge the ability to respond to unexpected and rapidly changing circumstances within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, due to the novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 and such judicial emergency status affords the President Judge the authorities provided by Rule 1952(B)(2) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Judicial Administration promote. In addition, the purpose this Administrative Order of Court is to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of court employees, court users, and court stakeholders of court facilities within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, as well as the general public of Elk and Cameron Counties, Pennsylvania.

All terms and provisions of the Administrative Order of Court dated April 30, 2020 entered of recorded at 2020-272 (Elk County) and 2020-357 (Cameron County) by Shawn T. McMahon, President Judge, are incorporated into this Administrative Order of Court. The District Court Administrator of the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, is respectfully directed to cause a copy of this Administrative Order of Court to be disbursed, prominently posted and filed as provided by the Administrative Order of Court dated April 30, 2020 entered of recorded at 2020-272 (Elk County) and 2020-357 (Cameron County) by Shawn T. McMahon, President Judge.

**BY THE COURT:**

  
SHAWN T. MCMAHON, P.J.