

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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8<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT :  
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES : NO. AD-20-9

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**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2020, pursuant to the Order of the Supreme Court dated May 27, 2020 relating to the cessation of statewide judicial emergency after June 1, 2020 and the authority of the President Judges of the local judicial districts, and in view of the report of positive cases of COVID-19 in the county jail, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED and DECREED as follows:

1. This court's order of July 27, 2020, setting forth safety precautions for access to the courthouse shall remain in effect until October 31, 2020.
2. Statewide rules that restrict, directly or indirectly, the use of advanced communication technologies are suspended; therefore the Court and related entities are hereby authorized to utilize communication technology to conduct Court proceedings
3. Statewide rules that impede local provision for court filings by means other than in-person delivery are suspended.
4. Statewide rules pertaining to the rule-based right of criminal defendants to a prompt trial are suspended; and
5. Jury trials are reinstated at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be posted at a public location in all Court facilities, shall be made available on the County and Court website and shall be provided to the Northumberland County Legal Journal for publication.

BY THE COURT:

  
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Charles H. Saylor, President Judge