

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Jacob Doyle Corman, III,	:	
individually and as a parent of two	:	
minor school children; Jesse Wills	:	
Topper, individually and as a parent of	:	
two minor school children; Calvary	:	
Academy; Hillcrest Christian	:	
Academy; James Reich and Michelle	:	
Reich, individually and as parents of	:	
three minor school children; Adam	:	
McClure and Chelsea McClure,	:	
Individually and as parents of one	:	
minor special needs school child,	:	
Victoria T. Baptiste, individually and	:	
as a parent of two special needs school	:	
children, Jennifer D. Baldacci,	:	
individually and as a parent of one	:	
school child; Klint Neiman and	:	
Amanda Palmer, individually and as	:	
parents of two minor school children,	:	
Petitioners	:	
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v.	:	No. 294 M.D. 2021
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Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania	:	
Department of Health,	:	
Respondent	:	

PER CURIAM

DECORUM ORDER

NOW, this 10th day of September, 2021, after consultation with the Capitol Police and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) regarding the hearing on Petitioners’ Application for Special Relief in the Form of an Emergency Preliminary Injunction, that is scheduled for September 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom 3002 (Courtroom), Third Floor, Pennsylvania Judicial Center (PJC), and to reduce the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus, the Court hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

1. This matter will be held in an open courtroom with two overflow courtrooms. Decorum shall be maintained at all times by all persons present in the courtrooms.

2. Seating for the public and media to observe the hearing shall be limited to 23 persons in Courtroom 3002 on a “first come, first seated” basis, and will comport with relevant social distancing guidelines. Five of these seats will be reserved for properly credentialed members of the media until 9:50 a.m. An additional 41 seats will be available to the public on a “first come, first seated” basis in two additional courtrooms to view the proceedings via live closed circuit television broadcast. An additional 10 seats (five in each overflow courtroom) will be reserved in these designated areas for viewing the broadcast of the proceeding for properly credentialed members of the media. After 9:50 a.m., any remaining reserved seats for properly credentialed members of the media will be released to the public.

3. Other than the public and media gallery seating in the three courtrooms provided for in Paragraph 2 above, access to the courtrooms will be limited to counsel of record, their clients, witnesses identified in the parties’ witness lists, and Court personnel.

4. Signs are not permitted in the Courtroom.

5. No electronic devices or cameras of any kind may be used in the Courtroom except by the Court and by counsel of record. Except for those electronic devices used by the Court and the attorneys, no electronic devices will be allowed in the Courtroom, with the exception of cellular or smart phones. Cellular or smart phones may be carried into the Courtroom, but they must be turned off at all times.

6. Each of the three courtrooms will be unlocked and available for seating approximately 20 minutes before the opening of Court. Counsel of record who require earlier access must make prior arrangements with the Prothonotary. The Capitol Police will begin processing members of the media approximately 30 minutes before the opening of Court.

7. Counsel shall address the Court and examine witnesses from their places at the counsel tables or podium in the Courtroom. Court personnel shall wipe down the witness stand, chair, and microphone with a disinfecting wipe between each witness.

8. All persons participating in or observing the hearing shall adhere to existing PJC and Commonwealth Court COVID-19 protocols, including the Court's COVID-19 Protocols for In-Person, Single-Judge Proceedings and the Commonwealth Court September 20-24, 2021 Oral Argument Session To Be Conducted In Person In Harrisburg Revised Notice with Updated COVID-19 Protocols referenced therein, both posted September 10, 2021.

9. No person who demonstrates symptoms of respiratory illness or fever, or is currently diagnosed with COVID-19, or has had close contact within 14 days of the hearing with a person who is currently diagnosed with COVID-19, may attend the hearing as counsel, a party, witness, credentialed member of the media, or public observer.

10. The Court requests that all members of the public, including counsel, wear a facemask in the public areas of the PJC and the courtrooms regardless of vaccination status. Counsel may remove their facemask when they are at the podium. Judges, who will be physically distanced from each other and others in the courtroom, may also remove their masks during argument. The Court will make facemasks available at the entrances to the courtrooms.

11. Following the conclusion of the hearing, all participants and observers must exit the Courtroom and the PJC promptly and in a manner that provides for social distancing.

12. Persons who fail to comply with this Order or maintain proper courtroom decorum will be removed by Court personnel or the Capitol Police.