

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: PROCEDURE FOR PETITIONS FOR
PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDERS DURING
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY FROM COVID-19

No. 10 FOR 2020
ADMINISTRATIVE DOCKET

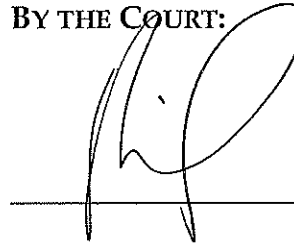
ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, inasmuch as this court has declared a judicial emergency under Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1952(B)(2) in response to the expected spread of COVID-19, the Order of Court is as follows:

1. Petitions for Emergency Protection from Abuse Orders filed by or with the assistance of Your Safe Haven shall be scanned and emailed to Judge Hershey's secretary at bhimmler@bedfordcountypa.org. If Judge Hershey's secretary is unavailable, an alternative email address will be supplied to Your Safe Haven.
2. Any and all *ex parte* hearings on Petitions for Emergency Protection from Abuse Orders shall be conducted by telephone only. The petitioner and representative from Your Safe Haven shall provide a telephone number on the petition by which they can be reached.
3. If the Judge signs a Temporary Order of Court in the matter, the representative from Your Safe Haven shall obtain the Order of Court and distribute the petition and Order for filing. The petitioner is encouraged *not* to travel to the courthouse.

4. The procedure for Petitions for Emergency Protection from Abuse Orders filed in person, including those filed *pro se*, shall remain unchanged.
5. This Order of Court shall remain in full force and effect until the declaration of judicial emergency in the 57th Judicial District has ended.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Livengood', written over a horizontal line.

LIVENGOOD, J.

Distribution:

Mary Wilt, District Court Administrator
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Your Safe Haven