

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: 57TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DECLARATION OF
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO
COVID-19

No. 6 FOR 2020
ADMINISTRATIVE DOCKET

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, inasmuch as this court finds that the expected spread of COVID-19 into the 57th Judicial District (Bedford County) presents a potential threat to the general health and welfare of the public, and inasmuch as this court finds that a declaration of judicial emergency in the 57th Judicial District—as authorized by the March 16, 2020 Order of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court (No. 531 Judicial Administration Docket)—is appropriate for the protection of the health and safety of court personnel, court users, and others, the Order of Court is as follows:

1. A state of judicial emergency is hereby declared in the 57th Judicial District (Bedford County). Said state of judicial emergency shall remain in effect until Tuesday, April 14, 2020, unless terminated earlier by Order of Court.
2. Pursuant to the authority granted under Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1952(B)(2), the following shall apply while the state of judicial emergency is in effect:

JUNIOR CLERK OF COURT
CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE

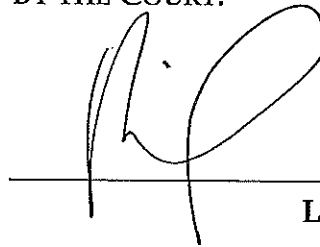
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- A. Time calculations for the purposes of time computation relevant to court cases or other judicial business, as well as time deadlines, are suspended, subject to constitutional restrictions;
 - B. The operation of Rule of Criminal Procedure 600 shall be suspended;
 - C. The use of advanced communication technology (e.g., telephone, video-conferencing) to conduct court proceedings/conferences is authorized, subject to constitutional restrictions;
 - D. Jury duty is hereby suspended;
 - E. Jury trials are hereby suspended;
 - F. If practicable, an alternative method for signing, delivery and service of court documents and orders will be adopted by separate Order of Court and incorporated herein by reference;
 - G. To promote the safety of court personnel, court users and the public, the court will establish operating procedures for the courtrooms, Office of the District Court Administrator, Domestic Relations Office, Probation and Parole Office, Magisterial District Judges, and any and all other court-related offices and employees. Said operating procedures will be adopted by separate Order of Court and incorporated herein by reference.
3. This Order of Court shall be immediately published by: (1) posting on the entry doors of the Bedford County Courthouse and courtrooms and on the entry doors of

all magisterial district courts in the 57th Judicial District, (2) posting on the Bedford County website, and (3) transmitted via e-mail to the members of the Bedford County Bar Association.

BY THE COURT:

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

LIVENGOOD, J.

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