

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, BLAIR COUNTY
24TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE: 24TH Judicial District –

DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

Supreme Court:
No. 20 WM 2020
Blair County No.:
No. 2020 MD 0003

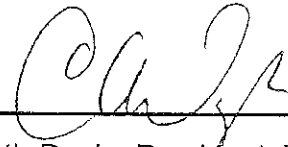
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE COURTS

AND NOW, this 11th day of December, 2020, in light of the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Blair County and to ensure the safety of the public and Court employees, the following restrictions will be in place for the Blair County Magisterial District Courts from December 11, 2020, through January 4, 2021:

1. There shall be no walk-in case filings or fine payments.
2. Each Magisterial District Judge shall, when possible, conduct summary trials, hearings and conferences *via* Advanced Communication Technology (ACT) or, if preferable, continue said matters to a later date. ACT devices shall include, but are not limited to, BlueJeans, Skype, Zoom, Microsoft teams, telephone.
3. Barring extenuating circumstances, preliminary hearings shall only be held for incarcerated defendants.
4. The Magisterial District Courts shall continue to handle Emergency PFAs, search warrants, arrest warrants and preliminary arraignments *via* ACT, as determined by the Magisterial District Judge.
5. Each Magisterial District Judge has the discretion to hear or continue other non-emergency matters as best suits the needs of his or her Court.

6. Matters requiring an individual to appear in person shall be scheduled in advance by appointment at the discretion of the respective Blair County Magisterial District Judge.
7. All other aspects of this Court's previous administrative orders shall remain in effect.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Doyle', is written over a horizontal line.

Elizabeth Doyle, President Judge