

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF THE FIFTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**IN RE: 59TH Judicial District of Pennsylvania * COUNTY BRANCH- ELK/CAMERON
ACCESS TO JUDICIAL FACILITIES *
COVID-19 Pandemic * No. _____**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 16th day of March, 2020, upon consideration of the United States of America and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania being in a state of emergency and/or disaster due to the Coronavirus, COVID-19, Order of Court dated March 16, 2020 issued by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, *In Re: General Statewide Judicial Emergency*, No. 531 Judicial Administration Docket, the demographics of Elk and Cameron Counties, the availability of resources to appropriately and adequately address any widespread outbreak of Coronavirus, COVID-19, in Elk and Cameron Counties, Pennsylvania, the health, safety and welfare of the public, courthouse employees, court employees, attorneys, participants in court proceedings, users of court facilities within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, and so as to prevent the Elk County Courthouse, Cameron County Courthouse and/or a Magisterial District Courts within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, from being or becoming a venue for the spread of Coronavirus, COVID-19, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED**, effective immediately:

1. Access to the Elk County Courthouse, Cameron County Courthouse and/or a Magisterial District Courts within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, as applicable, shall be limited exclusively to elected officials whose offices are maintained in the respective courthouses, county commissioners, courthouse employees, court employees, attorneys, parties to a case with a scheduled proceeding that has not otherwise been continued in the respective courthouse or before

a Magisterial District Court within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, subpoenaed witnesses and/or victims in proceedings being held within the Elk County Courthouse, Cameron County Courthouse and/or before Magisterial District Court within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, prospective and selected jurors, and members of the media.

2. Access to the Elk County Courthouse, Cameron County Courthouse and/or a Magisterial District Court within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, by the general public shall be restricted and limited to official and essential business that the needs absolute immediate attention by a member of the public which such need shall be determined by the Elk County Sheriff, Cameron County Sheriff and/or the Magisterial District Judge of the Magisterial District Court within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, on a case by case basis.
3. Todd Caltagarone, Elk County Sheriff, and his deputies shall immediately take over the single point of entry at the Elk County Courthouse for purposes of enforcing this Order of Court. Furthermore, Todd Caltagarone, Elk County Sheriff, and his deputies are vested with full authority to enforce this Order of Court.
4. Allen Neyman, Cameron County Sheriff, and his deputies are vested with full authority to enforce this Order of Court.
5. Any person who believes that they are being unjustly denied access to the Elk County Courthouse, Cameron County Courthouse and/or a Magisterial District Court within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties, may immediately:

- a. Contact LeeAnn Covac, District Court Administrator of the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania by telephone at 814-776-5375 or by email at lcovac@countyofelkpa.com to address being deprived of access to the Elk County Courthouse, Cameron County Courthouse, and/or a Magisterial District Court within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties; and/or
- b. File a petition with the Court of Common Pleas at the above captioned docket number to address being deprived of access to the Elk County Courthouse, Cameron County Courthouse and/or a Magisterial District Court within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties;

The exclusive purpose of this Order of Court is to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, county and court employees, and users of the Elk County Courthouse, Cameron County Courthouse and/or Magisterial District Court within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties. Notwithstanding this Order of Court, the Court of Common Pleas of the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania and the Magisterial District Court within the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Elk and Cameron Counties shall remain and are open. This Order of Court shall remain in effect until April 14, 2020 unless modified by further Order of Court.

A copy of this Order of Court shall be prominently posted on the main entry of the Elk County Courthouse, Cameron County Courthouse, and the offices of Magisterial District Judge James L. Martin (Johnsonburg, PA), Magisterial District Judge Mark S. Jacob (St. Marys, PA) and Magisterial District Judge Barry D. Brown, II (Emporium, PA).

BY THE COURT:



SHAWN T. MCMAHON, P.J.