

1. Preliminary arraignments, acceptance of bail; issuing arrest and search warrants, and all other functions pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 117; and
 - m. Any other matter determined to be an emergency by the Court.
2. All Court calendars, scheduling notices, subpoenas, or other court orders compelling the appearance of an attorney, litigant, or other participant in a case are cancelled for non-essential functions for the duration of time covered by the emergency declaration.
3. Regular motions practice shall be suspended for the duration of time covered by the emergency declaration; however, consented-to-motions may be sent to the chambers of the assigned Judge for his/her consideration.
4. All non-essential hearings and conferences are cancelled for the duration of time covered by the emergency declaration, with the exception of those that may be conducted by telephone or other remote technology. The staff of the assigned Judge will arrange those proceedings, after consultation with the parties.
5. Use of advanced communication technology to conduct court proceedings is specifically authorized, subject to constitutional requirements.
6. The District Court Administrator is authorized to:
 - a. Reassign judges or court personnel within the judicial district as needed to ensure the continuation of operations;
 - b. Change the duties and work hours of staff to handle matters consistent with this Order; and

c. Restrict, modify, reschedule, or cancel non-essential departmental operations.

This includes the scheduling of conferences and hearings before quasi-judicial officers.

7. Any local rule of procedure that conflicts with this Order is suspended for the duration of time covered by the emergency declaration, including time requirements and limitations and/or filing deadlines established by the local rules.
8. The Booking Center in the Family Court Center shall remain open absent further order of court.
9. All filing offices (Clerk of Court, Domestic Relations Section, Prothonotary, and Register of Wills) shall continue to be open for official business. The Court strongly encourages that business be conducted by mail, or other available means, rather than in person.
10. The Administrative Order dated March 16, 2020, restricting access to judicial facilities shall remain in full force and effect.

It is further ORDERED that all statewide procedural and administrative rules involving time calculations within the 27th Judicial District for the filing of documents with the Court or taking judicially mandated action be suspended for the period covered by the emergency declaration.

BY THE COURT:


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PRESIDENT JUDGE KATHERINE B. EMERY