

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
MIDDLE DISTRICT**

IN RE: 31<sup>st</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT – : No. 48 MM 2020  
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY :

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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: JUDICIAL EMERGENCY ORDER : NO. 2020-J-0094

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**3<sup>rd</sup> AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER**

AND NOW, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, the Court having declared a judicial emergency in the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District of Pennsylvania on March 17, 2020, and extended it by declaration filed on April 3, 2020; and in accordance with the Supreme Court's Orders of March 18 and April 1, 2020, in In Re General Statewide Judicial Emergency (Nos. 531 and 532 Judicial Administration Docket);

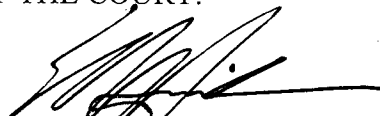
IT IS ORDERED all proceedings, including preliminary objections, motions for judgment on the pleadings, discovery and post-trial motions, in all civil cases in which a party is a healthcare professional, para-professional or institution directly providing screening, diagnosis,

treatment or care for anyone suspected of having or having COVID-19 are STAYED through May 31, 2020.<sup>1</sup>

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the aforesaid stay may be lifted, in whole or in part, on a case-by-case basis upon application and a showing of prejudice more than mere delay.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Court's 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Emergency Order, filed on April 3, 2020, not inconsistent with this Order remains in full force and effect.

BY THE COURT:



EDWARD D. REIBMAN, P.J.

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<sup>1</sup> Lehigh County is home to seven hospitals and two regional healthcare networks.