

IN RE: : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY AND : CUMBERLAND COUNTY,
LIMITED REOPENING OF THE : PENNSYLVANIA
COURTS :
: NO: CP-21-MD-202-2020

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 14TH day of JUNE, 2021, the Judicial Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic is extended through **MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.** However, in light of the widespread vaccination rates and in accordance with CDC guidelines, the mitigation efforts will be relaxed. The Court of Common Pleas and ALL District Courts shall be open to the public subject to the following conditions and limitations:

1. All common pleas judges, magisterial district judges, and hearing officers, may do the following:
 - (a) Utilize, and encourage litigants to utilize available, telephonic, video/audio devices and other advanced communication technology to reduce personal appearances for hearings, trials, meetings, conferences, and similar proceedings or gatherings;
 - (b) Stagger court appearance times to reduce crowding;
 - (c) Limit meetings, conferences and other gatherings to essential participants and arrange seating to avoid close personal contact;
 - (d) Liberally grant request for continuances.
2. All hearings and Court proceedings shall be in person unless specifically directed otherwise by the Judge, MDJ, or hearing officer.
3. All unvaccinated individuals must wear an appropriate face covering unless given permission (or requested) by the judge or hearing officer to remove it during the proceeding.

4. Common pleas judges, magisterial district judges and hearing officers shall have broad discretion to schedule, continue and conduct hearings, trials and other proceedings in accordance with the above.

By the Court,



Edward E. Guido, P.J.

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