

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION

IN RE: :
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT :
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL :
EMERGENCY AND OPERATING :
PROCEDURES :

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 28th day of July 2020, as authorized by the Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated May 27, 2020, In Re: General Statewide Judicial Emergency, and consistent with the Emergency Operating Plan of the County of Fayette and this Court's declaration of judicial emergency from Wednesday, July 28, 2020, through Wednesday, August 12, 2020, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the following actions be taken pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2) in an effort to keep Court facilities in the Fourteenth Judicial District safe to visitors and employees.

It is **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that public access to courtrooms and court related offices in the Fourteenth Judicial District shall be limited to the following, effective immediately:

1. Court employees and employees of court-related offices;
2. Jurors, attorneys, litigants, witnesses, victims, and participants in judicial proceedings before the Court of Common Pleas or a magisterial district court;
3. Individuals with a *bona fide* business need before a Court or court-related offices;
4. Attorneys, litigants, or their representatives filing papers or pleadings, or making monetary payments, with the offices of Adult Probation Office, Juvenile Probation Office, Domestic Relations Office, Custody Office, and Court Administration;

5. Attorneys or litigants using the County Law Library for legal research; and
6. Members of the media.

It is **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that judicial operating procedures will be as follows:

1. The suspension of Rule 600(c) shall be effective during the pendency of the judicial emergency due to the limited availability of jury trials and to the extent consistent with constitutional limitations.
2. Additional uses of advanced communication technology to conduct court proceedings is authorized subject to constitutional restrictions.
3. All provisions of this Order apply to cases scheduled during the pendency of the Declaration of Judicial Emergency.
4. **At the discretion of the presiding judge, proceedings may be held in person, by telephone or by video conference. Attorneys and *pro se* litigants are advised to confirm procedure with the presiding judge's chambers.**
5. Child Custody Services Office - scheduled conferences and hearings in custody will be postponed or held by telephone or video conference. Emergency motions for custody may be presented to the Motions Court Judge.
6. Protection from Abuse - *ex parte* Protection from Abuse matters will be heard by telephone or video conference by the assigned judge daily between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Temporary Protection from Abuse Orders will remain in full force and effect until a Final Protection from Abuse Order is entered. Final Protection from Abuse hearings will be scheduled after the period of Judicial Emergency.


BY THE COURT,



JOHN F. WAGNER, JR.,
PRESIDENT JUDGE

P.J.

ATTEST:



Prothonotary

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IN RE: :
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT :
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DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

AND NOW, this 28th day of July 2020, as authorized by the Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated May 27, 2020, In Re: General Statewide Judicial Emergency, and consistent with the Emergency Operating Plan of the County of Fayette, this Court hereby declares a judicial emergency in the Fourteenth Judicial District, beginning Wednesday, July 29, 2020, and extending until the close of business on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. An Administrative Order with Operating Procedures consistent with this Declaration shall be filed at the above-captioned docket numbers. The suspension of Rule 600(c) shall be effective during the pendency of the judicial emergency due to the limited availability of jury trials and to the extent consistent with constitutional limitations.

BY THE COURT



JOHN F. WAGNER, JR.,
PRESIDENT JUDGE

P.J.

ATTEST:



Tina Caruzzi Rancione

Prothonotary