

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ARMSTRONG COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE DOCKET

IN RE: 33rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT        )  
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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS            )    No. AD - 2020 - \_\_\_\_\_ - PJ  
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**ORDER OF COURT**

AND NOW, this 17th day of March 2020, consistent with the Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated March 16, 2020, this Court declares a judicial emergency in the Thirty-Third (33rd) Judicial District of Pennsylvania. The Court orders the following actions be taken pursuant to Pa. R. J. A. No. 1952(B)(2):

**General Provisions**

1. All time calculations for the purposes of time computation relevant to court cases or other judicial business, including statutes of limitation, Rule 600 in criminal matters, and general time deadlines, are suspended subject to constitutional restrictions.
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 from March 18, 2020, through and including April 13, 2020.
4. The Court will liberally grant requests for continuances in any matter for health-related reasons.

### Civil/Orphans' Court Division

5. Jury trials are suspended pending further Order of Court, and non-jury trials may be suspended on a case by case basis.

6. Motions heard by the designated Motions Judge shall be restricted to requests for injunctive relief relating to public health concerns or any other emergency motion.

7. Litigants with consented-to motions may mail such motions to Court Administration or email them to [bctoy@co.armstrong.pa.us](mailto:bctoy@co.armstrong.pa.us). Any consented-to motions must include signatures of all parties or their counsel. If signatures are not possible, such motions must include an affidavit executed by the moving party indicating that all parties or their counsel have been notified of, and consent to, the relief requested in the motion. Any motions sent by email must be accompanied by simultaneously mailed hard copy originals sent to the Prothonotary/Clerk of Court's office.

8. In any matter that already has been assigned to a judge, all inquiries regarding currently-scheduled proceedings should be addressed with that judge's chambers.

### Criminal Division

9. All court events, except as indicated below, in all courtrooms will be postponed.

10. Bail hearings, bail revocations, failure to appear (“FTA”) hearings, Omnibus Pre-trial Motion hearings, and other individually-scheduled criminal court proceedings will be heard as normal.

11. The Court will continue to process warrant requests as normal.

12. Criminal case status conferences, formal arraignments, plea court, sentence court, ARD court, summary appeals, license suspension appeals, and parole/probation revocation hearings (*Gagnon II*) will be rescheduled.

13. Jury selection and criminal jury trials for the month of April 2020 will be continued.

#### Family Division

14. Specially-scheduled conferences and hearings in support, custody, and divorce will continue as scheduled.

15. Juvenile Dependency matters shall continue as scheduled, unless otherwise ordered. All necessary parties and counsel shall appear for disposition, adjudication, review, and shelter hearings, unless otherwise directed.

#### Protection from Abuse

16. Protection from Abuse (“PFA”) matters will be heard as normal.

#### Juvenile Delinquency

17. Juvenile delinquency matters shall be handled on a case by case basis. Parties should appear for all juvenile delinquency matters scheduled before the Court, unless otherwise notified.

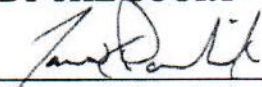
**Magisterial District Courts**

18. All currently-scheduled cases in the Magisterial District Courts are postponed. Individual magistrates may reschedule as they deem appropriate to a date after the expiration of this order.

19. All time calculations relevant to Magisterial District Court proceedings located in the Pennsylvania Rules of Conduct, Office Standards for Civil Procedure for Magisterial District Judges and the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure shall be suspended.

20. On-call responsibilities among the four Magisterial District Judges will remain in effect.

**BY THE COURT:**

  
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James J. Panchik, President Judge