

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEAVER COUNTY
P E N N S Y L V A N I A

IN RE: :
DECLARATION OF LIMITED :
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY IN THE : **Docket No:** 10050 -2020
36th JUDICIAL DISTRICT :
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

MANCINI, P.J.

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

As authorized by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and due to recent increased concern regarding potential exposure to COVID-19, the Court declares a temporary Judicial Emergency and it is ORDERED as follows:

- 1) All cases remaining on the October / November 2020 trial term shall be administratively continued to the trial term beginning January 11, 2021.
- 2) The time limitations of Rule 600 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure are suspended until the trial term beginning January 11, 2021.
- 3) The Criminal Call of the List scheduled for November 24, 2020 is cancelled.
- 4) Criminal ARD / Plea Hearings currently scheduled for November 13, 18 and 25 shall be conducted as follows:
 - Only the attorney for the Commonwealth and the attorney for the defendant will appear in the courtroom.
 - Counsel for the defendant shall communicate with the defendant prior to the scheduled hearing and complete the required colloquy; the colloquy may be signed by Counsel.

- Counsel shall advise the defendant that they are **not** to appear at the courthouse. Counsel shall have the defendant available by telephone for the hearing.
 - The ARD / Plea Hearings shall be conducted by telephone communication with the defendant.
 - At the conclusion of the hearing the defendant will be advised as to the date and time to report to the Adult Probation Department.
 - If the plea agreement requires jail time or if it is an open plea, sentencing will be deferred to a date to be set by the Court Administrator.
 - At the time of the hearing counsel shall provide an accurate current address for the defendant.
 - ARD / Plea Hearings for defendants currently in jail will continue to be conducted by video conferencing.
- 5) Summary Appeal hearings scheduled for November 19, 2020 are cancelled and shall be rescheduled for a date to be determined by the Court Administrator.
- 6) Arbitrations scheduled for November 20, 2020 are cancelled and shall be rescheduled for a date to be determined by the Court Administrator.
- 7) Defendants shall not be required to appear for Arraignment and Status Conference scheduled for November 19, 2020. Counsel shall appear to file the necessary paperwork and shall have their clients available by telephone. Arraignment will be rescheduled for a date to be determined by the Court Administrator.

- 8) The First Criminal Judicial Pretrial Conferences scheduled for November 16, 2020 are cancelled. All cases shall remain on track for the January 11, 2021 trial term.
- 9) Civil Case Management Conferences, Pretrial Conferences, and Arguments may be conducted by way of video conference or telephone. Counsel shall contact the assigned Judge's chambers for further information.
- 10) Custody seminars currently scheduled for Wednesday November 18, 2020, Tuesday November 24, 2020, Wednesday December 9, 2020, and Wednesday December 16, 2020 are cancelled and will be rescheduled to a date to be determined. The Juvenile Services Division is directed to notify all parties and Counsel of record.
- 11) Custody conferences may be conducted by way of video conference or telephone. The parties may contact the Juvenile Services Division for additional information.

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PRESIDENT JUDGE