

29th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ST. CHARLES
STATE OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: COURTROOM RESTRICTIONS DUE TO COVID-19

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Considering advisories issued by the Center for Disease Control and the Louisiana Department of Health concerning the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, and the public health emergency declaration by Governor John Bel Edwards,

IT IS ORDERED, effective immediately, the following persons are not permitted to enter a courtroom for any division of the 29th Judicial District Court:

1. Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
2. Persons who have been advised to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency.
3. Persons exhibiting respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills or fatigue.
4. Persons who have been in any of the following countries in the last 14 days:
CHINA, SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, ITALY, IRAN
5. Persons who reside with or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the countries listed above in the last 14 days.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by Courthouse Security.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that anyone required to appear before any judge of the 29th Judicial District Court who is unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, shall:

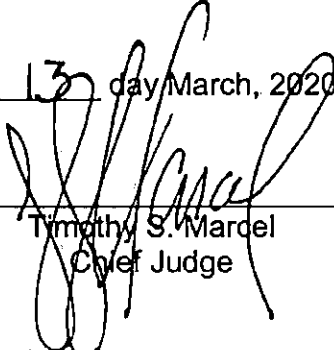
1. If **represented by an attorney**, please contact your attorney.
2. If you are the **parent of a juvenile** represented by an attorney and are scheduled to appear before a judge, please contact your attorney.
3. If you are a **pro se litigant (self-represented) in a civil case or criminal defendant** or a **parent of a juvenile** scheduled to appear before a judge, please contact that judge's chambers directly.

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4. If you are a **juror**, please contact 29th Judicial District Court receptionist.
5. If you are a **drug court participant**, please contact the drug court coordinator.
6. If you are a **family intervention court participant**, please contact the juvenile administrator.

These restrictions shall remain in effect temporarily until it is determined to be safe to remove them. People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

DONE AND SIGNED this 13th day March, 2020 at Hahnville, Louisiana.



Timothy S. Marcel
Chief Judge

TELEPHONE NUMBERS


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DIVISION "D" NOTICE
RELATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY:
COVID-19 OUTBREAK

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In light of the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Governor John Bel Edwards' declaration of a public health emergency related to the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) (No. 25 JBE 2020), President Trump's declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020, the closing of all K-12 schools through April 13, 2020, and the correspondence of March 12, 2020, from Chief Justice Johnson of the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Court accepts the Supreme Court's guidance to restrict court settings to emergency and time-sensitive settings to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and to slow the spread of the disease.

1. Division "D" hereby continues all **CRIMINAL MOTIONS HEARINGS** scheduled for March 31, 2020, April 20, 2020, May 11, 2020, and May 19, 2020. The hearings are now scheduled for **June 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.**
2. Division "D" hereby continues all **CRIMINAL RETURNS** currently scheduled for April 23, 2020, and April 30, 2020. The Return date for Division "D" is re-scheduled to **June 9, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.** All those arrested between March 16 and March 31, 2020, and those with attachments and warrants from Division "D" arrested in the month of April 2020 shall return to Court on **June 9, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.**
3. Division "D" hereby continues the hearings on protective orders currently scheduled for March 18, 2020, March 30, 2020, and April 28, 2020. They are re-scheduled to **June 8, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.** The protective orders currently in place shall remain effective through that date.
4. Division "D" hereby continues all IV-D hearings currently scheduled for March 18, 2020, April 29, 2020, and May 18, 2020. The hearings are re-scheduled to **June 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.**
5. Division "D" hereby continues civil rules hearings currently scheduled for March, April, and May 2020. The civil rules will be reset on June 12, 2020, June 30, 2020, July 9, 2020, or July 23, 2020. Parties should contact the Court to re-set the hearings.
6. Civil Bench Trials set on April 20 and 21, 2020, are continued to **July 20, 2020.** Should the parties be unavailable on July 20, 2020, they should contact the court via email (wallshouse@stcharlesgov.net) and schedule a status conference on June 10, 2020, between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.



M. LAUREN LEMMON, District Judge,
Division "D"
March 16, 2020, 3:30 p.m.

DATE: March 17, 2020

TO: DISTRICT ATTORNEY
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
JUVENILE COURT STAFF
CLERK'S OFFICE
ST. CHARLES SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PUBLIC NOTICE

CC: JUDGE TIM MARCEL
JUDGE LAUREN LEMMON

FROM: JUDGE CONNIE AUCOIN

DIVISION "C" NOTICE

RELATED TO COVID-19 AND LASC ORDER DATED 03/16/2020

Considering the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019, and pursuant to:

- (1) President Donald Trump's declaration of a national state of emergency on 03/13/20;
- (2) Gov. John Bel Edwards' declaration of a public health emergency in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020;
- (3) Parish President Matthew Jewell's declared State of Emergency on 03/13/20; and
- (4) Louisiana Supreme Court Order dated March 16, 2020;

Division "C" will continue all civil trials, hearings and court appearances set for any date between March 16, 2020 and April 14, 2020, which will be reset to a date after May 1, 2020, EXCEPT for hearings related to:

- (1) Civil Protective Orders
- (2) Child in Need of Care Proceedings
- (3) Emergency Custody Matters
- (4) Proceedings for Children Removed From Their Home By Emergency Court Order
- (5) Proceedings Related to Emergency Interdictions and Mental Health Orders
- (6) Other Emergency Matters Necessary to Protect the Health, Safety and Liberty of Individuals as Determined by the Court.

Division "C" will continue all criminal trials, hearings and court appearances set for any date between March 16, 2020 and April 14, 2020, which will be reset to a date after May 1, 2020, EXCEPT for the following:

- (1) Arraignments for Incarcerated Individuals (not taking a plea) set for March 26, 2020, will be conducted via video conferencing from Nelson Coleman Correctional Center
- (2) Motions (other than discovery) filed on behalf of Incarcerated Individuals that have been set and confirmed to go forward (by both the State and defense counsel)*
- (3) Any plea that would result in the release of the Incarcerated Individual*
- (4) Arraignments and/or status hearings for Pro Se Defendants (those without counsel)

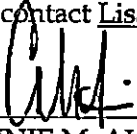
Division "C" hereby continues all Juvenile Admit/Deny hearings and trials set on March 18, 2020, to June 24, 2020.

Division "C" hereby continues all Child Support/IV-D hearings set on March 25, 2020, to May 14, 2020.

Division "C" hereby continues all Child Support/IV-D hearings set on April 2, 2020, to June 4, 2020.

Notice of new hearing dates for any and all other civil and criminal hearings continued pursuant to this Notice will be provided to all parties and counsel of record.

For specific inquiries regarding Division "C" cases, please contact Lisa at 985-783-3209.



CONNIE M. AUCOIN, Judge
Division "C"

** Attorneys shall notify the Court of any Incarcerated Individuals falling into one of these categories at least 24 hours before he/she is set for hearing in order to notify SCSO to arrange transport to the Court.

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

O R D E R

Acting under the authority of Article V, Section 1 of Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards' declaration of a public health emergency in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, and President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020, and in consideration of public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and slowing the spread of the disease while balancing the need to maintain access to Louisiana courts,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All jury trials, both civil and criminal, scheduled to commence in any Louisiana state court between the date of this Order and March 27, 2020, are hereby continued to a date to be reset by local order no earlier than March 30, 2020. Civil and criminal jury trials that are in progress as of March 13, 2020 may continue to conclusion, in the discretion of the local court.
2. Except as otherwise provided herein, all civil trials, hearings and court appearances set for any date between the date of this Order and March 27, 2020 are hereby continued to a date to be reset by local order, except for hearings related to the following: civil protective orders, child in need of care proceedings, emergency child custody matters, proceedings for children removed from their home by emergency court order,

proceedings related to emergency interdictions and mental health orders, matters of public health related to this crisis and other emergency matters necessary to protect the health, safety and liberty of individuals as determined by each court.

3. Criminal initial appearances for adults and juveniles, arraignments for incarcerated individuals and bond hearings shall continue as scheduled and shall be conducted with the use of telephone and video conferencing whenever possible.

4. All judges and court clerks are urged to limit in-person courtroom contact as much as possible by utilizing available technologies, including alternative means of filing, teleconferencing, email and videoconferencing.


5. This Order expressly does not prohibit any court proceedings by telephone, video, teleconferencing, or any other means that do not involve in-person contact. This Order does not affect courts' consideration of matters that can be resolved without in-person proceedings.

6. Given the public health concerns and the necessity of taking action to slow the spread of the disease, the continuances occasioned by this Order serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Therefore, the time periods of such continuance shall be excluded from speedy trial computations pursuant to law, including but not limited to those set forth in the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure and the Louisiana Children's Code, and presumptively constitute just cause.

The Court may issue further Orders regarding this matter as necessary to address the circumstances arising from this pandemic and will post such Orders on the Court's website at www.lasc.org, and in the news media.

Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of March
A. D., 2020, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR THE COURT:


Chief Justice Bernette J. Johnson