

22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

PARISH OF WASHINGTON

Acting in accordance with La. Const. Art. V, Sec. 1 and the inherent power of this Court and considering the Public Health Emergency declared by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 11, 2020 (25 JBE 2020) and supplemented March 13, 2020 (27 JBE 2020) in response to the multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Louisiana; and further, in consideration of the hazardous and unsafe condition caused therefrom;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all civil and criminal matters scheduled for jury trial are suspended effective today and through April 12, 2020. Case by case exceptions to the continuances may be ordered at the discretion of the Court and this Order does not limit the Court's ability to rule on motions.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that except for emergency matters pending in Family Court, including protective orders and La. C.C.P. art. 3945 hearings, all other matters will be continued, reset after April 12, 2020 and noticed by United States mail. Hearing officer conferences will be conducted by telephone.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that the following restrictions will be temporarily enforced in each of this Court's courtrooms or offices until it is determined to be safe to remove them:

No admittance will be allowed of any person who has been in any of the following areas within the last 14 days: CHINA, JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, EUROPE, IRAN. This list may be updated as further guidance is received.

No admittance will be allowed of any person who resides or has had close contact with someone who has been in one of the above areas within the last 14 days.

No admittance will be allowed of any person who has been asked to self-quarantine by any hospital or health agency.

No admittance will be allowed of any person who suspects he/she has contracted COVID-19.

No admittance will be allowed of any person who has been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or thinks they have contracted COVID-19.

If any person who is restricted from entry to a courtroom or Court office has a scheduled court appearance or is otherwise required to appear at one of the Court's offices, that person should proceed as follows:

If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney.

If you are an attorney or representing yourself, please contact the Court Administrator at (985) 809-5349.

If you are scheduled to meet with a Misdemeanor Probation officer, please contact that office at (985) 809-5365.

If you are scheduled for jury duty between the date of this Order and April 12, 2020, you are excused and need not contact the Court.

If you are a grand juror, please contact the District Attorney's Office at (985) 809-8383.

For any matter not listed here, including Juvenile and Misdemeanor matters, contact the Court Administrator at (985) 809-5349.

This Order will be vacated or amended no later than April 12, 2020.

Covington, Louisiana, this 13th day of March, 2020.

FOR THE COURT:



HON. DAWN AMACKER
Chief Judge