

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF RAPIDES
PINEVILLE CITY COURT

In Re:

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY COVID-19
(CORONAVIRUS)

ORDER

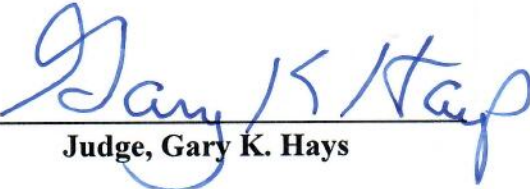
This General Order is being issued in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Louisiana, and throughout the United States. Given the risk posed to the public, and in consideration of the public health recommendations, it is hereby ORDERED that, effective beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, 8:00 a.m. through Friday, April 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

- 1) All trials, both civil and criminal, are hereby continued, to be re-set by Order;
- 2) All criminal trials, hearings, and court appearances are hereby continued, to be reset by Order.
- 3) The delays in all criminal cases created by this Order shall constitute "just cause", pursuant to La. Code of Criminal Procedure art. 701;
- 4) All Civil trials, hearings, and court appearances are hereby continued, to be reset by Order.
- 5) The Court Orders the attached Appendix 'A' be posted where it is easily visible at all public entrances to the Courthouse. Anyone attempting to enter the Courthouse in violation of the protocols contained therein will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer and may be subject to punishment for contempt of court.
- 6) This Order does not affect the Court's ability to consider civil or criminal matters that can be resolved without hearing.

The Pineville City Courthouse will remain open during regular business hours. The public may continue to utilize Court services in accordance with this Order and while following all applicable public health guidelines.

This Order remains in effect until 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2020, or until further Orders of the Court.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2020.



Judge, Gary K. Hays

Appendix A

By Order of the Court, the following persons
SHALL NOT ENTER THE COURTHOUSE:

- * Persons who have been in any of the following countries within the last 14 days:
CHINA, SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, ITALY, IRAN
(This list may be updated as further guidance is received.)
- * Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the countries listed above within the last 14 days
- * Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency;
- * Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- * Persons exhibiting symptoms unusual to you that are among the CDC-identified symptoms (these have been identified as fever, cough, or shortness of breath)

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer and may be subject to contempt of court.

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