



FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISHES OF: ACADIA, LAFAYETTE, VERMILION

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**15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL
EMERGENCY ORDER RELATIVE TO
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
PARISHES OF ACADIA, LAFAYETTE AND VERMILION**

In light of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the state of emergency declaration issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 13, 2020 and the additional measures contained in his Proclamation JBE 2020-30 issued on March 16, 2020, the recommendations issued on March 12, 2020 by the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Order of the Louisiana Supreme Court of March 16, 2020, the emergency declarations issued by Lafayette Mayor President Josh Guillory on March 15, 2020 and March 16, 2020 which ordered the minimization of access to certain public buildings in Lafayette Parish, the Fifteenth Judicial District Court extends and supplements its Emergency Order Relative to COVID-19 issued on March 15, 2020 and issues the following Additional Order for the Parishes of Acadia, Vermilion and Lafayette:

All trials and hearings set for any date between March 30 and April 9, 2020 are hereby continued and will be rescheduled by Order **EXCEPT in Vermilion Parish on Monday, March 30, 2020 the Interdiction matter set before Judge Edward Broussard will go forward as scheduled. On Tuesday, April 7, 2020 the Child in Need of Care cases in Vermilion Parish will go forward as scheduled.** Also excepted from this Order are those matters listed in the following paragraphs.

In all parishes, civil protective orders, emergency child custody matters pursuant to La. C.C.P Article 3945, proceedings for children removed from their home by emergency court order and emergency commitment hearings are not subject to this Order continuing civil matters.

Special precautions will be utilized by the Court to achieve separation of people and limitations of numbers in conducting these matters requiring expedited consideration.

Criminal initial appearances (72 hour court) for adults and juveniles, arraignments for incarcerated individuals, and bond hearings (including Gwen's Law) will continue as usual. Adult proceedings will be conducted with the use of video appearances.

Domestic hearing officer conferences will be conducted via telephone when possible or will be reset.

All jurors summoned for service between March 30 and April 9, 2020 will be reset for a future jury week. Jurors should call the number listed on their jury summons for directions.

All attorneys, parties and witnesses with civil matters set during this time period will receive a new notification from the court of the reset date of their case.

All persons set to appear in criminal or traffic court in Lafayette Parish between March 30 and April 9, 2020 are to utilize the drive through system at the Lafayette Parish Courthouse to be served with a new court date beginning on Friday, March 20, 2020. Anyone set for Vermilion Parish criminal court during the week of Monday, March 30 is to appear on March 30, 2020 at the temporary outdoor office on the east porch of the courthouse facing Charity Street to be served with a new court date.

Special precautions will also be utilized by the Court to achieve separation of people and limitations of numbers for those individuals appearing for re-service as noted above.

All courthouses in Lafayette, Acadia and Vermilion Parishes will remain open between 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Access is limited to essential business. Persons in the following categories may not enter the courthouses:

- 1) Have been asked to self-quarantine by any hospital or health agency
- 2) Have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19
- 3) Have a cough which has lasted more than 5 days
- 4) Are experiencing recent shortness of breath
- 5) Have a fever (body temperature of 100 degrees or greater)

Judges offices may be accessed by appointment only, except for matters pertaining to child custody and protective orders. No deliveries are to be made in person to judges. All documents are to be submitted via email to the following judges at the following email addresses:

Division A, Judge John Trahan: johntrahan@cox-internet.com

Division B, Judge Jules Edwards: YMMoody@15thjdc.org

Division C, Judge Edward Broussard: broussardsec@ktctelecom.net

Division D, Judge Edward Rubin: Fax documents 15 pages or less to (337) 269-5746;
email documents 16 pages or more to shbriggs@15thjdc.org

Division E, Judge Michelle Breaux: cmashy@15thjdc.org

Division F, Judge David Smith: mmeaux@15thjdc.org

Division G, Judge Laurie Hulin: judgehulin@icloud.com

Division H, Judge David Blanchet: jhill@15thjdc.org or fax to (337) 269-5731

Division I, Judge Thomas Duplantier: duplantierlawclerk@icloud.com

Division J, Judge Kristian Earles: earlesk4@aol.com

Division K, Judge Patrick Michot: Fax to (337) 269-5716

Division L, Judge Marilyn Castle: LawclerkDivL@15thjdc.org

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Commissioner Frederick: fredstp@cox.net

The public is encouraged to check our website 15thjdc.org for updates and to review a copy of this Order.

This Order shall remain in effect until 5:00 P.M. on April 9, 2020 or until further Order of this Court.

Issued on March 19, 2020 at Lafayette, Louisiana.



MARILYN C. CASTLE, Chief Judge
15th Judicial District Court