



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

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**15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S FOURTH 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, the additional measures contained in his Proclamation JBE 2020-30 issued on March 16, 2020, and his Proclamation 33 JBE 2020-30 issued on March 22, 2020 closing all state offices and ordering persons to remain at home except in emergencies and his additional Order of March 30, 2020 extending his previous orders until at least April 30, 2020; the recommendations issued on March 12, 2020 by the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Orders of the Louisiana Supreme Court of March 16, 2020 and March 23, 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 and his extension of those orders to such time as the Governor rescinds his emergency declaration; the Fifteenth Judicial District Court extends and supplements its Emergency Orders Relative to COVID-19 issued on March 15, 2020, March 19, 2020 and March 23, 2020 and issues the following additional Order for the Parishes of Acadia, Vermilion and Lafayette: In all parishes, the courthouses shall be closed to the public except to provide services in the following categories:

Civil domestic protective orders under title 46:2131(Domestic violence), 46:2181(Post-Separation family violence) and 9:361(Sexual abuse).

Emergency child custody matters pursuant to La. C.C.P. Article 3945

Proceedings for children removed from their home by emergency court order

Emergency interdiction/commitment matters.

Adult criminal 72 hour hearings and bond reductions, including Gwen's Law hearings, will be conducted via telephone or video conference.

Juvenile bond hearings and initial appearances will be conducted via telephone or video conference.

In Acadia Parish, those seeking to transact business other than the above matters should contact the Clerk of Court's Office. Telephone numbers of the appropriate departments are posted at the front door of the Acadia Parish courthouse.

In Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes, persons seeking civil domestic protective orders under Title 46:2131(Domestic Violence), 46:2181(Post Separation Family Violence) and 9:361(Sexual Abuse) and emergency child custody matters pursuant to La. C.C.P. Article 3945 shall make application for such **between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM** at the appropriate courthouse.

Individuals may continue to contact a judge's office with whom they have business by telephone only.

All matters set forth in all previous orders regarding special fixings, as well as all orders which are not in conflict with this Order, shall remain in effect. This Order shall be effective through 12 A.M. on May 3, 2020.

Issued on March 31, 2020 at Lafayette, Louisiana.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marilyn C. Castle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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