

CITY COURT OF SHREVEPORT/ WARD 4
PARISH OF CADDO
STATE OF LOUISIANA
ORDER

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), supplemented March 13, 2020 (27 JBE 2020), further supplemented March 16, 2020 (30 JBE 2020), and further supplemented on April 2, 2020 (41 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 conditions caused therefrom;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following restrictions will be temporarily enforced until it is determined to be safe to remove them:

The Court will be closed to the public from this date until May 4, 2020. Court appearances scheduled to commence in this court between the date of this Order and May 1, 2020, are hereby continued to a date to be reset by this court no earlier than May 4, 2020.

Accordingly, all civil and criminal settings are suspended until the date of May 4, 2020. Civil matters include, but are not limited to, evictions, judgment debtor rules, trials and motion hearings. Criminal matters include all arraignments, discovery rules, trials and review hearings. All 72-hour hearings required under Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure Article 230.1, will proceed and be conducted via telephone or audio-video electronic equipment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND RECOGNIZED that all civil time delays and calculations as dictated by Proclamation(s) of the Governor and Legislation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the delays in all Criminal and Traffic cases created by this Order shall constitute “just cause”, pursuant to *La. Code of Criminal Procedure* Article 701.

All other provisions set forth in earlier decrees/updates of this Court, not inconsistent with this ORDER, shall remain in full force and effect. The Court may issue further Orders as necessary to address the circumstances arising from this pandemic and will post such Orders on the Court’s website at www.shreveportla.gov/223/City-Courts, and in the news media.

Signed this 3rd day of April, 2020, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

FOR THE COURT:



CHIEF JUDGE, PAMMELA S. LATTIER