

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF RAPIDES
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

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

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Louisiana Constitution Article V, Section 1; pursuant to LSA R.S. 1:55; due to the COVID-19 emergency as detailed in Governor John Bel Edwards's Declaration of Public Health Emergency (Executive Department Proclamation No. JBE 2020-25 and JBE 2020-27) and in accordance with the Order of the Louisiana Supreme Court dated March 16, 2020, and the inherent powers of this Court, the Chief Judge, acting on behalf of the Judges of the 9th Judicial District Court,

HEREBY ORDERS THAT:

Due to the unprecedented pandemic as referenced in the above captioned emergency declarations, the 9th Judicial District Court adopts the following emergency plan:

That all civil and criminal jury trials are suspended from March 16, 2020 through April 17, 2020 and attorneys and litigants with such scheduled matters are ordered to contact the appropriate division for rescheduling.

Civil Court Matters:

Except as otherwise provided herein, all civil hearings and court appearances set for any date between March 16, 2020 and March 27, 2020 are hereby continued to a date to be reset by the appropriate judge; except for hearings related to the following:

- Civil Protective Orders
- Emergency Child Custody Matters
- Matters of Public Health

Criminal Court Matters:

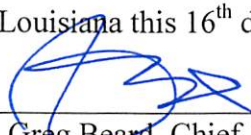
All criminal hearings and court appearances scheduled between March 16, 2020 through April 17, 2020 are hereby continued to a date to be reset by the District Attorney's Office.

Juvenile Court Matters:

Except as otherwise provided herein, all juvenile hearings and court appearances set for any date between March 16, 2020 and April 17, 2020, are hereby continued to a date to be reset by the Court, except for hearings related to Child in Need of Care, Emergency Child Custody Matters, and Proceedings for children removed from their home by emergency court order

If the conditions indicate that the Court needs to adjust the above policy, notice will be posted on the Court's website, www.9thjdc.org, the Louisiana Supreme Court website, www.lasc.org, and in the news media.

Alexandria, Louisiana this 16th day of March, 2020



Greg Beard, Chief Judge