

FORTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF DESOTO
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ORDER

In accordance with the orders of the Louisiana Supreme Court rendered on March 16, 20 and 23, 2020 in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards' declaration of a public health emergency (Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020) and Stay at Home Order (33 JBE 2020), President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020, and in consideration of public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease while, to the extent possible, maintaining access to the Court:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective Wednesday, March 25, 2020 through Monday, April 13, 2020:

1. All jury trials, both civil and criminal, are hereby continued to a date to be reset by local order.
2. All grand jury proceedings in this District are hereby continued and are to be re-convened by an order of the Court.
3. Except as otherwise provided herein, all civil trials, hearings and court appearances set for any date between the date of this Order and April 13, 2020 are hereby continued to a date to be reset by local order, except for hearings related to the following: civil protective matters, child in need of care proceedings, emergency child custody matters, proceedings for the removal of children from their home by emergency court order, proceedings related to emergency interdictions and mental health orders, matters of public health related to this crisis and other emergency matters necessary to protect the health, safety, and liberty of individuals as determined by each court.
4. All criminal trials, hearings and court appearances are hereby continued, to be reset by local order or notice from the Office of the District Attorney, except for initial appearances, arraignments for incarcerated persons only and bond hearings. All hearings for incarcerated persons shall take place via video unless otherwise directed by the Court.
5. All non-support matters are hereby continued to a date to be reset by local order.
6. In-person courtroom contact shall be limited as much as possible by utilizing alternative technological means including video and/or telephone conferencing.
7. This Order does not affect the Courts' consideration of civil or criminal matters that can be resolved without a hearing.
8. The office hours of the Forty-Second Judicial District Court and the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court shall be 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

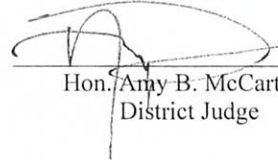
All filings of any kind and nature shall be filed during these hours; however, parties are strongly encouraged to file by U.S. mail, e-filing, email or facsimile as opposed to in-person filing. Anyone seeking to file a Petition for Protection from Abuse outside these hours are encouraged to call 911 if in an emergency situation and file their petition the following business day during business hours.

This Order remains in effect until 4:30 p.m. on the 13th day of April, 2020 or until further orders of this Court.

THUS, DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers, in Mansfield, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, this 25th day of March, 2020.




Hon. Charles B. Adams
Chief District Judge



Hon. Amy B. McCartney
District Judge

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Clerk of the District Court
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana