

Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans

State of Louisiana

AMENDMENT TO COURT'S ORDER OF MARCH 16, 2020 REGARDING COVID-19

Acting in accordance with Louisiana Constitution Article V, Section 1; pursuant to La. R.S. 1:55; and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards's declaration of a public health emergency in (Executive Department Proclamation No. JBE 2020-25 and JBE 2020-27) as well as the Governor's press announcement on April 27, 2020, extending the Stay at Home Order through May 15, 2020, President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020, and Orleans Parish Mayor LaToya Cantrell's April 15, 2020, Proclamation to Further Promulgate Emergency Orders During the State of Emergency Due to Covid-19 (No. 2020-03129) which also aligns with the Governor's Stay at Home Order, the Louisiana Supreme Court's Orders of April 6, 2020, and April 22, 2020, this Court's previous Order of March 16, 2020 and, further, in consideration of public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease while balancing the need to maintain access to Louisiana courts;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court has ordered that civil and criminal jury trials are suspended through June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court has further ordered that courts must continue to take measures to limit access to courtrooms and other spaces, with absolute minimum physical contact, to practice social distancing and limit in-person access to the maximum number of people set forth in local, state and national guidelines;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

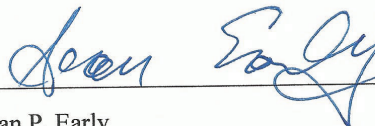
The Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans will remain closed through May 15, 2020, and will:

1. **Suspend the requirement to report to the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans throughout the Court's closure;**
2. **Reset all trials and hearings scheduled during the Court's closure, with all defendants to receive new notices via U.S. Mail;**
3. **Continue to conduct first appearances for all inmates via video conferencing relative to probable cause determinations, bail settings, and other first appearance settings;**
4. **Continue Web and Interactive Voice Recognition (IVR) capabilities, payments for which can be made by visiting our website at www.nola.gov/traffic-court/or by calling 504-658-8500; and**
5. **Not issue any attachments or suspend driver's licenses for matters set during the Court's closure.**

If the conditions indicate that the Court needs to adjust the above policy, notice will be posted on the Court's website (<http://www.nola.gov/traffic-court/>), the Louisiana Supreme Court website (www.lasc.org), and in the news media.

New Orleans, Louisiana this 30th day of April, 2020

For the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans



Sean P. Early
Administrative Judge