

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: Judicial Emergency

**Supervisory Order
No. 2020-SO-40 I**

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 30th day of March, 2021, pursuant to the authority granted by Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1952, and in recognition of the continued presence of COVID-19 infections in County/Court offices, it is hereby Ordered:

1. Public Access to All Court Offices for purposes of conducting court business is prohibited except as otherwise provided in this Order. For purposes of this Order and in addition to the Court and the Magisterial District Courts, Court Offices include: the Department of Probation Services, the Domestic Relations Office, the Department of Operational Services, the Clerk of Courts /Clerk of Orphans' Court Office, the Prothonotary's Office, the Register and Recorder of Deeds Office, and Court Administration. Any person, including employees, entering the Adams County Courthouse or the Adams County Human Services Building for purposes of conducting court business shall comply with the Adams County Policy Regarding Workplace COVID-19 Safety Measures which was adopted by the Court for court personnel by separate Order dated April 24, 2020. Pursuant to that policy, no visitor or employee may enter the Adams County Courthouse or the Adams County Human Services Building unless wearing a protective face covering in compliance with CDC guidelines. All face coverings shall cover the nose and the mouth and shall be worn at all times while on the properties with the exception of employees at a personal workstation as defined by the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health. It is further Ordered that the Adams County Security Department may request individuals entering the Adams County Courthouse or the Adams County Human Services Building for court business to submit to a body temperature check. In the event a person refuses to wear a protective face covering, submit to a temperature check, or submits to a temperature check and displays an elevated

temperature, that person shall not be permitted access to the Courthouse or Human Services Building. In the event the visitor is a party to an immediate court proceeding, the visitor shall be directed to wait outside of the building and the Security Department shall immediately contact chambers of the presiding Judge for further direction. If the individual is present for purposes of filing a document at a court office, the document shall be left at the Security checkpoint and the filing office immediately notified by Security of the same. The protective face covering restriction shall not apply to children under the age of two (2) or individuals who cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition.

All staff and members of the public conducting court business in any court office shall comply with all protocol/procedures adopted by the office as may be necessary for the safety of staff and in compliance with CDC guidelines provided the protocol/procedures do not preclude public access to court filings or interfere with the timely processing of court documents and further provided that any such protocol/procedures are approved by the President Judge. The procedures, when adopted, shall be publicly posted in the respective office and on the Adams County website. In adopting protocol/procedures, the respective office should strive to restrict potential COVID-19 exposure which could result from Court and County Agency staff interaction with the public with full consideration to the necessary adjudication of constitutional functions utilizing advanced communication technology whenever possible.

Elected officials/executive directors are directed to perform work obligations offsite to the extent possible and maintain onsite staff at a minimum.

2. Limited Judicial Proceedings – All Court of Common Pleas evidentiary proceedings, except as otherwise specifically provided below, shall be limited to the parties and counsel. All witnesses shall appear telephonically or by other advanced communication technology. The Court will grant liberal continuance of proceedings to a date after May 31, 2021 at the request of any party where the interests of justice require in-person witness testimony.

All pre-trial conferences and non-evidentiary proceedings shall be conducted telephonically.

Members of the public, including the media, are permitted to observe court proceedings provided the proceeding is not otherwise closed to the public by prevailing law. Observation shall be conducted by advanced communication technology as arranged by the Adams County Court Administrator's Office. Any person wishing to observe a court proceeding must contact Court Administration one (1) business day prior to the proceeding in order for arrangements to be made to effectuate that person's observation by advanced communication technology. Court Administration may be contacted by leaving a detailed message at 717-337-9846 requesting attendance of a court proceeding. Failure to make prior arrangements to attend such proceeding will result in entry to the proceeding being denied. Any person permitted to observe court proceedings by advanced communication technology is prohibited from re-broadcasting, televising, recording, or photographing the proceeding. When a proceeding is being broadcast for purposes of observation, the presiding Judge shall, prior to conducting the proceeding, inform all parties and witnesses as to the form of observation and identify the party participating in the observation.

For purposes of this Order, parties are defined as those identified in the pleadings including the child/children in custody matters; the child/children and care providers in dependency matters; and the parents/legal guardians of a child in delinquency matters or any other matter wherein the child is a party. Department of Probation Services staff and Adams County Children and Youth Services staff shall only appear by advanced communication technology at all proceedings, evidentiary and non-evidentiary, with the exception of any proceeding at which counsel for the Commonwealth and/or Agency does not appear on their behalf. Additionally, probation officers shall personally appear at revocation hearings for incarcerated individuals conducted by video where video platforms are not otherwise compatible.

All requests for emergency/temporary orders pursuant to the Protection From Abuse Act or emergency orders pursuant to the Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation Act shall be conducted telephonically. Evidentiary hearings related to protection from abuse/protection of victims of sexual violence or intimidation final orders may continue to be conducted in-

person; however, the proceeding shall be limited to the parties and counsel with witnesses appearing telephonically or by advanced communication technology pursuant to the provisions of this Order.

The provisions of this section do not apply to proceedings currently scheduled for Criminal Business Court on May 3, 2021. The provisions of this paragraph are also inapplicable to jury selection and jury trials occurring during the April 5, 2021 Criminal Trial Term and the May 10, 2021 Civil Trial Term provided such proceedings are conducted in compliance with paragraph 10 below.

The foregoing provisions are subject to the interests of justice. In the event a party believes a compelling interest requires a proceeding to be conducted with live testimony, the request shall be presented to the presiding Judge who may alter the provisions of this Order on a specific case-by-case basis where compelling interests of justice require provided the proceeding is otherwise conducted in compliance with CDC guidelines including the wearing of facial masks and social distancing.

3. Register and Recorder of Deeds Office – All documents to be filed with the Register and Recorder of Deeds Office shall be filed by regular U.S. mail or in a deposit box located in the entryway of the Adams County Courthouse. The Register and Recorder shall record and process all such documents on a daily basis. All mailed or deposited documents must include appropriate filing fees. Additionally, self-addressed, stamped envelopes shall be included in the filing for filed documents requested to be returned to the filing entity. Documents will only be physically received at the deposit box in the entryway of the Adams County Courthouse between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; however, all documents deposited by 4:00 p.m. shall be docketed and recorded by the Register and Recorder that same date.

All counsel shall schedule the opening of estates with the Register and Recorder of Deeds Office by appointment only. All *pro se* parties opening an estate are encouraged to do so by making appointment; however, the Register and Recorder shall not refuse to accept a *pro se* estate opening on the basis of

lack of appointment. The Register and Recorder is authorized to coordinate with Courthouse Security to limit access of *pro se* estate filers provided the same does not interfere with the timely filing and docketing of documents.

The provisions of this paragraph shall automatically expire at the close of business on April 30, 2021. Effective May 3, 2021, the Register and Recorder of Deeds Office shall be open for the receipt and filing of documents between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After that date, the Register and Recorder may continue to accept filings in the deposit box located in the entryway of the Adams County Courthouse provided all such documents shall be docketed on the date of deposit in the deposit box; however, use of a deposit box by the Register and Recorder shall be in addition to, rather than in lieu of, the office being open for the receipt and filing of documents during the hours set forth hereinabove.

4. Prothonotary's Office – All non-emergency filings shall only be filed by regular U.S. mail, electronic filing, or by deposit in a deposit box located in the entryway of the Adams County Courthouse. The Prothonotary shall record and process all documents on a daily basis. All mailed or deposited documents must include appropriate filing fees. Additionally, self-addressed, stamped envelopes shall be included in the filing for any filed documents requested to be returned to the filing entity. All mailed or deposited documents must include, where applicable, Sheriff's fees and a request service form which is available at <http://www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Sheriff/Documents/RealEstate/RequestforServiceForm.pdf>. Documents will only be received at the deposit box in the entryway of the Adams County Courthouse between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; however, all documents deposited by 4:00 p.m. shall be docketed and recorded by the Prothonotary that same date.

The limitations set forth hereinabove shall not apply to emergency filings which shall be governed by paragraph 7 below.

The provisions of this paragraph shall automatically expire at the close of business on April 30, 2021. Effective May 3, 2021, the Prothonotary's Office shall be open for the receipt and filing of documents between the hours of 8:00

a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After that date, the Prothonotary may continue to accept filings in the deposit box located in the entryway of the Adams County Courthouse provided all such documents shall be docketed on the date of deposit in the deposit box; however, use of a deposit box by the Prothonotary shall be in addition to, rather than in lieu of, the office being open for the receipt and filing of documents during the hours set forth hereinabove.

5. Clerk of Courts Office – All non-emergency filings shall be received by regular U.S. mail, by deposit in a deposit box located in the entryway of the Adams County Courthouse, or electronically pursuant to current practice. The Clerk shall record and process all documents on a daily basis. All mailed or deposited documents must include appropriate filing fees. Additionally, self-addressed, stamped envelopes shall be included in the filing for any filed documents requested to be returned to the filing entity. Documents will only be received at the deposit box in the entryway to the Adams County Courthouse between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; however, all documents deposited by 4:00 p.m. shall be docketed and recorded by the Clerk that same date.

The limitations set forth hereinabove shall not apply to emergency filings which shall be governed by paragraph 7 below.

The provisions of this paragraph shall automatically expire at the close of business on April 30, 2021. Effective May 3, 2021, the Clerk of Courts Office shall be open for the receipt and filing of documents between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After that date, the Clerk may continue to accept filings in the deposit box located in the entryway of the Adams County Courthouse provided all such documents shall be docketed on the date of deposit in the deposit box; however, use of a deposit box by the Clerk shall be in addition to, rather than in lieu of, the office being open for the receipt and filing of documents during the hours set forth hereinabove.

6. Criminal Payment of Fees – All court ordered payment of fees, fines, costs, restitution, or other charges in a criminal matter may be made by credit

card at www.govpaynow.com; <https://ujportal.pacourts.us>; or by telephone at 888-604-7888. Fees, fines, costs, and restitution may be paid by depositing the payment in a sealed envelope at the Adams County Clerk of Courts' drop-off box located at the entry of the Adams County Courthouse. Payments shall be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope if a receipt for payment is requested by the payor. Payments in the Clerk of Courts Office drop-off box shall only be deposited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Parties may make payment in the Clerk of Courts Office pursuant to previous practice during the hours in which the office is open for filings as identified hereinabove.

7. Emergency Filings – Emergency filings will continue to be accepted by the Court through electronic means currently in effect or through counter filing at the respective filing office in the Courthouse. The Adams County Courthouse will be open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for the limited purpose of accepting emergency filings. Any party wishing to make an emergency filing at the Courthouse shall file the respective pleading at an office designated by the Adams County Security Department upon arrival at the Courthouse. For purposes of this Order, emergency filings are limited to petitions for protection from abuse, petitions under the Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation Act, petitions for injunctive or special relief, emergency custody complaints or emergency petitions to modify custody, search warrant applications or applications under the Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, emergency petitions in criminal matters, and any other petition seeking emergency relief authorized by law or in the interests of justice. The recording office shall immediately alert the Court as to the filing of any such petition for the Court to determine what relief, if any, is appropriate. The processing of emergency petitions shall occur in compliance with protocol established by Court Administration.

The provisions of this paragraph shall automatically expire at the close of business on April 30, 2021.

8. Location of Court Proceedings – All proceedings for non-incarcerated individuals held on Arraignment and Sentencing Court, DUI Court, Revocation Court, and Criminal Plea Court for non-incarcerated defendants shall be held in the Human Services Building Courtroom through and including July 30, 2021. Criminal Business Court shall remain in Courtroom No's. 1 and 2 as originally scheduled. Except as otherwise set forth in this Order, the location of all other court proceedings shall be held at the location originally contemplated at the time of adoption of the 2021 Court Calendar unless otherwise changed by court order.

9. Location of Court Proceedings for Incarcerated Individuals – All proceedings for incarcerated individuals shall be held on the dates scheduled but shall be conducted utilizing advanced communication technology pursuant to procedures adopted by Court Administration. If presented with a complex matter, a Court of Common Pleas Judge may order the Sheriff's Office to present an incarcerated defendant directly to the Courtroom. If the defendant is housed in a correctional facility outside of the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex, the presiding Judge should direct that the defendant be produced so that it is unnecessary to house the defendant in the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex but should be produced and returned to the home facility on the same day.

10. Court Scheduling – For Plea, DUI, Arraignment & Sentencing, Gagnon I, Revocation, Criminal Business Days, and Criminal Trials, all proceedings shall be scheduled pursuant to procedures adopted by the Adams County Court Administrator's Office who shall stagger individual cases in specific time slots to assist in complying with CDC guidelines. For Delinquency Court and Dependency Court, the Department of Probation Services and Children and Youth Services, respectively, shall stagger individual cases in time slots to assist in complying with CDC guidelines.

11. Jury Trials – Adams County Court Administration is directed to establish procedures in compliance with current CDC guidelines to permit in-person jury selection and witness testimony. Jury trials shall remain closed to public attendance; however, members of the public, including the media, are permitted to observe the proceedings by advanced communication technology as arranged by Court Administration. Any person wishing to observe a jury trial must contact Court Administration one (1) business day prior to the proceeding in order for arrangements to be made to effectuate that person’s observation by advanced communication technology. Court Administration may be contacted by leaving a detailed message at 717-337-9846 requesting attendance of jury selection and/or jury trial. Failure to make prior arrangements to attend such proceeding will result in entry to the proceeding being denied. Any person permitted to observe a jury trial by advanced communication technology is prohibited from re-broadcasting, televising, recording, or photographing the proceeding. When a proceeding is being broadcast for purposes of observation, the presiding Judge shall, prior to conducting the proceeding, inform all parties, witnesses, and jurors as to the form of observation and identify the party participating in the observation.

12. Central Court – All Central Court proceedings for incarcerated individuals will continue to be held utilizing advanced communication technology pursuant to procedures adopted by Court Administration.

All Central Court proceedings for non-incarcerated individuals shall be held on the dates and times adopted by the Court’s 2021 Court Calendar. All proceedings; however, shall be scheduled pursuant to procedures adopted by the Adams County Court Administrator’s Office who shall stagger individual cases in specific time slots and comply with CDC guidelines. Central Court procedures previously adopted by this Court are suspended to the extent they are contrary to the scheduling procedures adopted by Court Administration. Notice of specific time slot and date of any respective pleading shall be provided by the Magisterial District Judge to all parties pursuant to the scheduled proceedings.

All procedures related to the waiver of a preliminary hearing shall remain as provided in paragraph 4 of Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-40.

13. Waiver of Formal Arraignment – A defendant who is represented by counsel of record may waive appearance at formal arraignment for the Court of Common Pleas by presenting to the Court prior to or at the time of formal arraignment a waiver in substantially the form attached to Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-40 as Attachment D. The waiver shall be executed by both the defendant and counsel. If a defendant represented by counsel waives arraignment, the Commonwealth shall serve counsel of record with a copy of the criminal information within ten (10) days of the date the waiver is presented to the Court. The Commonwealth shall further provide counsel of record notice of the dates of defendant's plea day appearance and jury selection/trial within ten (10) days of the date the waiver is presented to the Court. Counsel waiving formal arraignment on behalf of a defendant shall be prepared to indicate on the record at the time of the plea day appearance and/or jury selection that the defendant was provided written notice as to the respective date and requirement that he/she must appear for plea and/or trial.

14. Court Administration is directed to adopt procedures utilizing advanced communication technology to conduct court proceedings and provide public access to the same subject to constitutional limitations. Advanced communication technology includes but is not limited to: systems providing for two-way simultaneous communication of image and sound; closed-circuit television; telephone and facsimile equipment; and electronic mail. Pa. R. Crim. P. 112 and Adams County Rule of Judicial Administration 140 are suspended. To the extent possible, and unless otherwise required by the interests of justice, all court proceedings shall maximize appearance by counsel, parties, and witnesses by advanced communication technology.

15. Law Office Mailboxes – Effective April 5, 2021, a representative from any law office which maintains a mailbox in the Adams County Prothonotary's

Office shall be provided unlimited access to the Prothonotary's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for purposes of recovering documents from their mailbox. Effective May 3, 2021, access shall be expanded from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

16. Re-Entry Facility – All community releases for employment, visitation, community visits, treatment, or any other reason are suspended through May 31, 2021. Pending further order of court, the Adams County Work Release Program is suspended. No person shall be sentenced to any sentence which permits community release from the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex or the Adams County Re-Entry Facility until further order of court. This paragraph shall not prohibit release on parole or upon successful completion of the incarcerated portion of a sentence nor shall it prohibit the Adams County Warden from taking temporary action to preserve the health and welfare of an inmate or the safety of the facility.

The Adams County Adult Correctional Complex is directed to adopt procedures for family non-contact visits with residents of the Re-Entry Facility to occur by telephone, video conferencing, or other media.

All fees charged to any person housed at the Adams County Re-Entry Facility are suspended pending further order of court.

17. Domestic Relations – Effective April 5, 2021, the Domestic Relations Office shall be open for all counter filings between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additionally, filings may be made through the Pennsylvania Child Support website at www.childsupport.state.pa.us, emailed to CS-AdamsMailbox@PACSES.com, mailed, or faxed to 717-334-3440. If the request is for a UIFSA filing to another state's jurisdiction, the filing cannot be filed online and the client must contact Domestic Relations to speak with a case management officer to conduct the filing over the phone. Self-help forms for local cases are also available under the Domestic Relations Section on the Adams County website. Payments of alimony/support may be made online at the Domestic Relations website <http://www.adamscounty.state.pa.us>,

www.childsupport.state.pa.us, by mailing a check or money order payable to PA SCDU, PO Box 69110, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9110, or by calling PA SCDU at 717-727-7238. Cash payments shall be received at the Domestic Relations Office during the hours set forth hereinabove. Complainants may file a complaint electronically at www.childsupport.state.pa.us.

All Domestic Relations establishment and enforcement conferences shall be held telephonically or by video conferencing via WebEx and/or Microsoft TEAMS. Domestic Relations will coordinate the WebEx and/or TEAMS meeting if parties have the compatible technology to accommodate.

This paragraph does not preclude the Domestic Relations Office from making appropriate arrangements for conducting paternity testing by appointment only.

The provisions of this paragraph shall automatically expire at the close of business on April 30, 2021. Effective May 3, 2021, the Domestic Relations Office shall be open for the receipt and filing of documents between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

18. Title/Estate Searches - Property title searches and estate searches at the Register and Recorder of Deeds Office may be conducted online at <https://landrecordspa.adamscounty.us/external>. All fees/costs related to online searches are waived during the effective dates of this Order. Title searchers who are employed by a law firm or title company and members of the public shall be permitted access to the Courthouse between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for purposes of accessing FullCourt on the computer terminal located in the lobby of the Adams County Courthouse.

19. Warrants – The service of warrants by constables is suspended as it relates to the service of bench warrants or failure to appear at Domestic Relations proceedings, criminal contempt proceedings, miscellaneous docket (MD captioned warrants), or Magisterial District Judge warrants with the exception of failure to respond warrants that do not require detention. No person shall be transported to the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex as

a result of a warrant served by a constable unless the person has been presented before a Magisterial District Judge and thereafter committed to the Adult Correctional Complex by the presiding Magisterial District Judge. This paragraph does not prohibit the practice of constable contact with a person to effectuate a future appearance date before the respective Magisterial District Judge.

The on-call constable schedule remains suspended.

20. Prison Transports – No person shall be transported from the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex by the Adams County Sheriff's Department or any other entity for any court proceedings.

No person shall be transported by the Adams County Sheriff's Department from another correctional institution on a detainer placed by the Adams County Department of Probation Services or on any arrest warrant prior to a video conference hearing being conducted pursuant to the procedures of this section.

Upon receipt of notice from any out-of-county correctional institution that a person is available for transport to this county, the Sheriff's Department shall promptly alert Court Administration of the same. Thereafter, Court Administration shall make arrangements for a hearing to be conducted by video conferencing with the host facility. Notice shall be provided to the Adams County District Attorney's Office, the Adams County Public Defender's Office, the Department of Probation Services, and the Adams County Prison Warden. All such video conference hearings shall be scheduled on the first bench warrant day proceedings following notice from the Sheriff's Department. Although the Warden is not a party to the proceedings, she may provide written comments to the Court, with notice to all parties, prior to commencement of the hearing. If Court Administration is unable to arrange video conferencing, all counsel are directed to appear at the designated time for a conference in lieu thereof. Video conferences may be scheduled by Court Administration at other times to accommodate urgent circumstances.

21. Adams County Law Library – Effective April 5, 2021, the Adams County Law Library shall be open to all members of the Adams County Bar Association between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adams County Bar Association members may not permit members of the public to accompany them while utilizing the Law Library. Members of the public may obtain access to the Law Library by scheduling an appointment between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Appointments may be scheduled by contacting the law librarian at 717-337-9812 during the above identified hours. Scheduled appointments shall limit library occupancy to one member of the public at any given time. The law librarian shall post notice as to the contents of this paragraph at the entryway to the library.

22. Magisterial District Court – Effective April 5, 2021, all Magisterial District Courts shall be open to the public Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

23. Adams County Children and Youth Services / Department of Probation Services – Unless otherwise directed by separate court order, Adams County Children and Youth Services and the Department of Probation Services may conduct all required visits with children virtually by advanced communication technology in lieu of in-person visitation. This paragraph shall not apply to visits with children in congregate care or other placement facilities as in-person visits with the child, as permitted by the facility, shall continue to occur per current regulations.

Except as expressly provided hereinbelow, visitations directed by order and/or Pennsylvania Code, Sections 3130.68 and 3490.235, between an adjudicated youth removed from the home and a parent, guardian, sibling, prospective placement resource, or guardian ad litem shall be conducted by advanced communication technology in lieu of in-person visitation except as follows:

- Visitation of children at congregate care or other placement facilities shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the facility;
- Visits involving children in kinship care placement that are supervised by the kinship care provider may continue to be conducted in-person as arranged between the kinship care provider and the parent or legal guardian; and
- Where a specific court order provides otherwise.

In instances where in-person visits have been suspended, Children and Youth Services/Department of Probation Services are directed to increase the frequency of contact between the parent and child by advanced communication technology to not less than two times per week unless otherwise limited by specific court order. Additionally, whenever viable, more frequent telephone contact shall be permitted between the parent and child. Children and Youth Services/Department of Probation Services are directed to make available advanced communication technology to any parent/child subject to the provisions of this paragraph who otherwise does not have such technology available. Such equipment/service shall be provided pursuant to safety procedures adopted by the respective agency.

All children in a kinship or foster care placement shall be granted a two-hour contact visit with their parents/guardians twice per month unless such visit is otherwise restricted by specific order of court. The visit will be subject to the following requirements:

- The child and/or placement location do not include a resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is otherwise displaying symptoms associated with COVID-19 infection;
- The visiting parent completes a verified questionnaire prepared by Children and Youth Services/Department of Probation Services indicating the parent is asymptomatic and has neither been subject to a COVID-19 test nor tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous fourteen (14) calendar day period; and

- The parent is subject to temperature check immediately prior to the visit as directed by Children and Youth Services/Department of Probation Services.

All such visits shall be pre-arranged with Children and Youth Services/Department of Probation Services and may occur at a location designated by the respective agency. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply where in-person visits have otherwise been arranged between the parties for a child in kinship placement. Children and Youth Services/Department of Probation Services are directed to notify the Court of any circumstance where the provisions of this paragraph cannot be complied with due to safety concerns of any other person provided a specific order restricting contact between the parent and child has not previously been entered.

The provisions of any disposition or permanency order requiring drug testing of any child or party are suspended through April 30, 2021 at which time such conditions shall automatically reinstate. This paragraph does not prohibit or restrict Children and Youth Services/Department of Probation Services from conducting drug/alcohol testing during an investigation or supervision where the well-being of a child is at risk. The provisions of this paragraph shall automatically expire and terminate effective April 30, 2021.

This Order shall not be construed to relieve Children and Youth Services/Department of Probation Services of the obligation to promptly respond, in-person, to any circumstance or risk in which a child's well-being or safety is at issue. This Order does not prohibit or restrict Children and Youth Services/Department of Probation Services from conducting any in-person investigation or response to emergency circumstances in which instances the agencies shall comply with statutory and regulatory obligations.

24. Weddings – All in-person weddings at the Adams County Courthouse are cancelled through April 30, 2021. Effective May 3, 2021, weddings may be conducted at the Adams County Courthouse pursuant to prior practice; however, attendance shall be limited as provided in paragraph 2 through May 31, 2021.

- 25. Court Calendar** – The 2021 Court Calendar is amended as follows:
- Arraignment & Sentencing dates are added on April 30, 2021 and May 21, 2021. Court will be conducted at the Human Services Building for non-incarcerated individuals and by video conferencing for incarcerated individuals pursuant to current practice. The Adams County Court Administrator's Office is directed to list non-incarcerated cases bound for court from Central Court held on March 31, 2021 and April 7, 2021 to the April 30, 2021 Arraignment and Sentencing date, with incarcerated cases being scheduled for the currently existing April 20, 2021 Arraignment & Sentencing date. Cases bound for court from Central Court held on April 14, 2021 and April 21, 2021 shall be listed for the May 21, 2021 Arraignment & Sentencing date. Incarcerated cases bound for court from Central Court held on April 28, 2021, May 5, 2021, and May 12, 2021 shall be listed for the May 21, 2021 Arraignment & Sentencing date, while the non-incarcerated cases shall be listed for the currently existing May 24, 2021 Arraignment & Sentencing date. The remaining criminal court proceedings for each respective case shall be scheduled pursuant to Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-43. Court Administration is authorized to reschedule cases set for any Arraignment & Sentencing date to another Arraignment & Sentencing date upon appropriate notice to the parties.
 - May 6, 2021 Juvenile Court (ACCYS) is cancelled and rescheduled to May 4, 2021 in the Human Services Building Courtroom.
 - July 13, 2021 DUI Court is cancelled and rescheduled to July 23, 2021.
 - August 5, 2021 Juvenile Court (ACCYS) is cancelled and rescheduled to August 2, 2021 in the Human Services Building Courtroom.

This Order is effective immediately unless otherwise set forth specifically hereinabove. Paragraph 8 of this Order shall remain in effect until July 30, 2021. All other paragraphs of this Order shall remain in effect through May 31, 2021 at which time they shall automatically expire unless otherwise extended by further order of court. This Order shall control any preceding supervisory order contrary to the provisions contained herein. Any previously entered supervisory order regarding a subject or subjects not addressed by this Order shall remain in full force and effect pursuant to the terms of the respective order.

The Adams County Court Administrator's Office is directed to post a copy of this Order on the Fifty-First Judicial District's website and on the Adams County website. A copy of this Order shall be transmitted by Court Administration to all members of the Adams County Bar Association.

BY THE COURT:

MICHAEL A. GEORGE
President Judge

Board of Judges
Board of Commissioners
Magisterial District Judges
Court Administration
Department of Probation Services
Domestic Relations Section
Children & Youth Services
Adams County Commissioners
Clerk of Courts Office
Prothonotary's Office
District Attorney's Office/Victim Witness Office
Public Defender's Office
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