

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: 2021 Court Scheduling

**Supervisory Order  
No. 2021-SO-15**

**ORDER OF COURT**

AND NOW, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, pursuant to the authority granted by Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1952, and in recognition that Adams County continues to experience a significantly high number of COVID-19 infections, it is hereby Ordered:

1. Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-40 F entered on December 9, 2020, and extended by Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-40 H, is hereby extended through April 30, 2021 at which time the provisions thereof shall automatically vacate unless otherwise vacated or extended by subsequent Order of Court. Accordingly, all provisions in the above-referenced Supervisory Orders scheduled to expire on February 26, 2021 are hereby extended through the close of business on April 30, 2021 unless otherwise modified hereinbelow;
2. April 1, 2021 Criminal Business is cancelled and rescheduled to March 29, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom No's. 1 and 2 of the Adams County Courthouse.  
The provisions of Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-40 F as extended by this Order do not apply to proceedings currently scheduled for Criminal Business Court on February 8, 2021; March 18, 2021; or March 29, 2021;
3. Effective April 1, 2021, all custody conciliation hearings shall be held on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on the following Fridays between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.: April 16, 2021; April 30, 2021; May 14, 2021; May 28, 2021; June 11, 2021; June 25, 2021; July 9, 2021; July 23, 2021; July 30, 2021; August 13, 2021; August 27, 2021; September 10, 2021; October 8, 2021; October 22, 2021; October 29, 2021; and November 12, 2021. All

conciliation hearings shall be conducted in Courtroom No. 4 or Room 307B of the Adams County Courthouse unless alternative arrangements to conduct the proceeding by telephone/WebEx at a non-Courthouse location are established by the conciliator;

4. Effective April 1, 2021, all divorce master hearings shall be held on on Domestic Relations Court days as designated on the 2021 Court Calendar and shall be held in Courtroom No. 3 of the Adams County Courthouse;
5. Arbitration hearings shall resume effective March 1, 2021 subject to the limitations set forth in Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-40 F as extended by this Order; and
6. The limitations set forth in Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-40 F as extended shall not apply to jury selection and jury trials occurring during the March 1, 2021 and April 5, 2021 Trial Terms. 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.

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.

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  
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  
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