

BERKS COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: 23rd Judicial District : Emergency Judicial Order
: No. 20-3264
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SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY ORDER

AND NOW, this 30th day of June, 2020, in accordance with the Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania of May 27, 2020, (Judicial Administration Docket No. 531 and 532), and pursuant to the emergency powers designated under Rule 1952(B)(2), it is declared that the Berks County Courts (23rd Judicial District) remain in an ongoing judicial emergency.

However, all judicial services which have been stayed or suspended may resume, subject to any further directives of the assigned Judge.

Any statewide rules that restrict, directly or indirectly, the use of advanced communication technologies are suspended. Any hearing may be scheduled using alternative electronic means, and such alternate electronic means should be utilized when possible. When deemed appropriate and necessary, hearings requiring personal appearances may be scheduled at the discretion of the assigned Judge. Where parties, attorneys or witnesses are in congregate settings, social distancing shall be observed. Hearings where personal appearances are required may have limits to in person access to any proceeding, at the discretion of the assigned Judge, in order to safeguard the health and safety of court personnel, court users, and members of the public.

All persons entering county buildings for court business will wear a mask covering their nose and mouth at all times, unless otherwise specifically permitted or directed by a Judge.

Prior Emergency Orders of Court that were required to be posted may be removed from the doors of court facilities.

This Order shall be effective immediately and will remain in place until any subsequent order amending or revoking is entered.

BY THE COURT:


Thomas G. Parisi,
President Judge

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