

THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-06

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Whereas we continue to deal with the Novel Coronavirus, more particularly identified as COVID-19, a pandemic; and

Whereas, Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera has issued an Administrative Order, as of March 16, 2020 on Statewide Judiciary Restricted Operations; and

It is therefore, by the Circuit Court of Queen Anne's County, hereby **ORDERED:**

- 1) The Queen Anne's County Circuit Court shall be restricted to **emergency operations only**.

- 2) The following matters will continue to be scheduled or heard, either in person or remotely;
 - (A) bail reviews/bench warrants
 - (B) arraignments for detained defendants
 - (C) juvenile detention hearings
 - (D) emergency evaluation petitions
 - (E) quarantine and isolation petitions
 - (F) extradition cases
 - (G) body attachments
 - (H) extreme risk protective order appeals
 - (I) All other emergency matters shall be handled as determined by the Administrative Judge, either in person or remotely, or to be scheduled following this emergency period;
 - (1) shelter care hearings and/or related adjudications
 - (2) emergency delinquency hearings
 - (3) emergency Habeas Corpus petitions
 - (4) emergency issues in guardianship matters
 - (5) domestic violence protective orders
 - (6) appeals from peace orders
 - (7) family law emergencies
 - (8) temporary restraining orders
 - (9) criminal competency matters
 - (10) motions regarding:
 - (A) extreme risk protective orders
 - (B) domestic violence protective orders
 - (C) peace orders
 - (11) contempt hearings related to peace or protective orders
 - (12) matters involving locally incarcerated defendants;

- 3) If you are scheduled to appear in the Courthouse and are unable to do so because of the restrictions, you are directed to proceed as follows:
 - a. If you are represented by an attorney, **please contact your attorney** by telephone or email and advise them of your situation;
 - b. If you are a self-represented litigant, contact the Clerk of Court at 410-758-1773 or the Assignment Office at 410-758-0216 and advise them of your situation;
 - c. If you have business with the Clerk's Office, contact them at 410-758-1773;
 - d. If you are a juror or have business with the Jury Commissioner, contact them at 410-758-0216; and
- 4) MDEC continues to be available for electronic filings. For those without electronic capabilities, a drop-box will be available for hand-delivered filings, or you are encouraged to file by mail.
- 5) These restrictions will remain in place until the emergency has passed and a formal Order rescinding this Order is entered;
- 6) Any violations of this Order may be punishable by contempt proceedings and/or any other sanction permitted by law.

Lynn Knight, Administrative Judge
Queen Anne's County Circuit Court

March 17, 2020

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Clerk, Circuit Court
for Queen Anne's County