

THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-09

Extension of Restricted Operations

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 a number of Administrative Orders, on Statewide Judiciary Restricted Operations; and

Whereas, the public can review the particulars of those Orders on the Judiciary's webpage dedicated to COVID-19 at <https://mdcourts.gov/coronavirusupdate>.

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

- 1) The Queen Anne's County Circuit Court will adopt those Orders and shall be restricted to **emergency operations thru and including June 5, 2020. Essential personnel will be reporting to the Courthouse for emergency operations.**

Electronic proceedings for cases can be scheduled to be heard if all attorneys and/or parties can participate remotely, and by consent. Please contact the law clerk, assignment or file an appropriate Motion to schedule those proceedings.

- 2) MDEC continues to be available for electronic filings and will be processed by the Clerk's Office. For those without electronic capabilities, a drop-box will be available for hand-delivered filings at the front of the Courthouse, or you are encouraged to file by mail. If you have business with the Clerk's Office, contact them at 410-758-1773.
- 3) New Orders provide guidance to the Court on the safety of Juveniles and Adults currently held at our detention centers and are adopted herein.
- 4) All jury trials for the month of **April and May** are cancelled and will be rescheduled. Grand Jurors and trial jurors are not required to report until notified. Notices will be mailed with instructions or you can check the Court website for further instructions. Questions for the Jury Commissioner can be addressed at 410-758-0216, ext. 5149.
- 5) All previous Orders related to restricted operations and e-mailing of documents are rescinded.
- 6) These restrictions will remain in place until the emergency has passed and a formal Order rescinding this Order is entered;

- 7) Any violations of this Order maybe punishable by contempt proceedings and/or any other sanction permitted by law.



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

April 15, 2020

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Clerk, Circuit Court
for Queen Anne's County