

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: JUDICIAL EMERGENCY ORDER : NO. 2020-00001


**ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this <sup>17<sup>th</sup></sup> day of March, 2020, the Court having declared a judicial emergency in the 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Pennsylvania on March 12, 2020, the Court hereby authorizes the following actions to be taken pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2), effective immediately:

- **Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas** will resume limited operations on March 18, 2020 for **EMERGENCY MATTERS ONLY** in the Montgomery County Courthouse and One Montgomery Plaza, Norristown. Juvenile emergency matters will be handled at the Juvenile Court facility at 540 Port Indian Road, West Norriton. The hours of operation for the Common Pleas Court will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Access to the Courthouse will be limited to the Main Street entrance **ONLY**. A list of what is considered an emergency matter, for which the Court will be open, is available on the Court's website - [www.montcopa.org/285/County-Courts](http://www.montcopa.org/285/County-Courts);
- **Magisterial District Courts in Montgomery County** will remain **CLOSED** to the public until further notice, with the exception of preliminary arraignments in criminal cases and resulting preliminary hearings for incarcerated individuals **ONLY**. All such hearings will be conducted by the on-call Magisterial District Judge, and may be conducted by means of videoconferencing;
- **Montgomery County Domestic Relations Office** will be open for **FILINGS ONLY**. No conferences or hearings will be scheduled. The hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. All **Family Master** level hearings have been cancelled. The Family Master facility, 321 Swede Street, will remain **CLOSED** to the public until further notice;
- **Montgomery County Adult Probation Office** will be available to handle emergency court matters (noted above). Supervision services will be handled using technology. The APO Offices at 408 Cherry Street, Norristown and the satellite offices in Lansdale and Willow Grove will remain **CLOSED** to the public until further notice;

- **Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Office** will be available to handle emergency juvenile court hearings (noted above). Supervision services will be handled using technology. The JPO Office at 530 Port Indian Road, West Norriton will remain **CLOSED** to the public until further notice;
- **Montgomery County Law Library** will remain **CLOSED** to the public until further notice.

**BY THE COURT:**



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Hon. Thomas M. DelRicci, P.J.