



4. Effective immediately, police department direct filing of new tickets will be set for arraignment 60 days out. The court will send a summons two weeks before the scheduled court date. This does not include arraignments for mandatory DV/DUI charges (which must be heard the next judicial day), first appearances, in-custody defendants or prosecutor direct file cases. An individual officer may use discretion to provide an earlier court date.
5. Bench warrant quash hearings will be conducted by telephone only. The defendant can schedule a BWQ hearing on Monday or Wednesday at 10AM and must provide a valid telephone number. The court will hold the hearing on the record in open court. The Court will call the defendant to conduct the hearing. The court will mail notice of the next court date.
6. Persons protected by a no contact or other protection order who wish to be heard on request to modify or lift the order must confer with DV advocate first and if necessary, an in person hearing can be scheduled.
7. The prosecutor and public defender will remain on call and available for court appearances for the next 30 days.
8. Before entry past the security screener, all visitors must use hand sanitizer before entering the courtroom or doing business at the court window. All in-custody defendants must do the same, as directed by the transport officer at the police department. Court security or staff will direct persons waiting at the window to comply with "social distancing" measures, i.e., standing 6 feet apart from each other.
9. No part of this order suspends the defendant's right to a public trial, or the general right of the public to be present at court proceedings under the constitutional provisions that require the open administration of justice.
10. The Court will re-assess the need for further continuances and setting jury trials for the May term, on or before April 8.

DATED this

11 day of March, 2020



Presiding Judge