

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROGERS COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
ROGERS COUNTY OKLAHOMA

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RE: COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

AO- NO. 2020- 11

CATHI EDWARDS, COURT CLERK

DEPUTY

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING  
TEMPORARY MEASURES**

The President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Oklahoma having declared a state of emergency and The Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma and The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals having entered the First Emergency Joint Order Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster (SCAD No. 2020-24), The District Court of Rogers County hereby implements the following temporary measures which affect the work of the Rogers County District Court effective immediately:

1. The **Jury Term** scheduled for April 13, 2020 through April 24, 2020 is hereby cancelled.
2. **All Civil Division dockets**, including CJ, CS, CV, SC and FED are cancelled for the next four (4) weeks (for the weeks of March 16, March 23, March 30th and April 6th). Any case scheduled on a docket during those weeks will be continued and heard four (4) weeks from its originally scheduled date at the same time and same courtroom. We will also reschedule all non-jury trial settings, hearings and pretrial settings. Anyone who has civil cases scheduled during this time should contact the assigned judge's office to reschedule the case. All emergency proceedings will be set and heard as usual.
3. **Criminal division: Felony cases at the Magistrate Level**, all in-custody Defendants will be heard on their originally scheduled dockets, although these dockets will be conducted by Skype. If the Defendant is out of custody and the case was set on Monday March 23, 2020 it is moved to April 13, 2020 and if it was set on Monday March 30, 2020 it is moved to April 20, 2020 at the same time.

Attorneys should meet with in-custody defendants prior to the docket to have any necessary paperwork prepared.

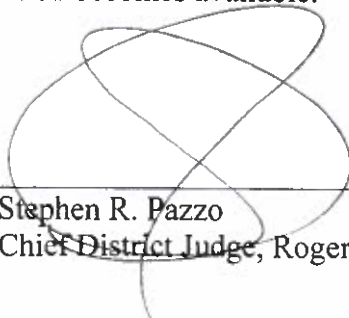
**Misdemeanor cases:** those set on Tuesday March 24, 2020 are moved to April 14, 2020 and those set on March 31, 2020 are moved to April 21, 2020.

4. **All Family Law** cases and dockets including Divorce, Paternity, Adoption and Child Support Enforcement are cancelled for the next four (4) weeks of March 16<sup>th</sup>, March 23, March 30 and April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the assigned Judge's office for new court dates. All emergency custody matters will proceed as usual.
5. **Protective Order** dockets continue to be set and will be heard at their normally assigned date and time. Petitioners are encouraged to appear by telephone or other electronic means as pre-approved by the Court.

6. **Juvenile Deprived** cases set on March 24, 2020 docket, and any cases set before that date are continued until April 14, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. The April 7<sup>th</sup> docket will remain set at this point.
7. **Guardianships.** All Annual Reviews, General Reviews and Status Conferences will be conducted by paper review or if appropriate, by telephone or other electronic means.
8. All judges and judicial staff should go to work each day as normal;
9. Inquiries regarding case types not listed above should be directed to the assigned judge's office to determine future court settings.
10. For cases and dockets that remain scheduled, all judges are empowered to employ any docket management tools to try and reduce the number of persons entering the courthouse in person including allowing appearances of attorneys and others by electronic means so long as the attorney or other person has pre-arranged this type of appearance through the judges' office.
11. The following persons are prohibited from entering any courtroom, court clerk's office, judges' offices, jury room or other facility used by the district courts:
  - Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 Coronavirus.
  - Persons with symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, severe cough or shortness of breath.
  - Persons who have traveled to any country outside of the U.S. in the past 14 days, as well as those with whom they live or have had close contact.
  - Persons who are quarantined or isolated by any doctor or who voluntarily quarantine.
  - If you are in one of these categories above and are scheduled for a court appearance or are seeking emergency relief, contact your attorney, and if you have no attorney, call the assigned judge's chambers and arrange for a new court date.
12. Attorneys are encouraged to seek a judge's signature by mail or other electronic means.

This Order is subject to modification as more information becomes available.

IT IS SO ORDERED



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Stephen R. Pazzo  
Chief District Judge, Rogers County