

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT #7 DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

In response to the First Emergency Health Order declared by State and Federal Government officials regarding the Corona Virus (COVID-19) STATE OF DISASTER, County Criminal Court 7 (CCC 7) will be OPEN only as needed for requested hearings. These modified procedures shall take effect immediately in addition to the prior released Dallas County Criminal Courts protocols and each will continue until the health emergency order is lifted/modified and jury trial settings resumes. In all efforts to minimize unnecessary contact, the following procedures will be followed by CCC 7 until further orders of this Court, State or Federal government.

PLEASE BE ADVISED, if an Attorney or Defendant think that they have been exposed or contracted COVID-19, contact the court and/or your attorney immediately via email or phone to reschedule your hearing, trial, or court setting. **PLEASE DO NOT** come to court sick or after exposure. You will receive a responding email from the Court and/or your Attorney of your new court date.

ALL JURY TRIALS are currently suspended until after May 8, 2020 by order of Dallas County. For all jury trials currently set prior to May 8, 2020, the attorney of record shall reset case for an announcement setting after May 8, 2020 to pick a new trial date.

NON-DISPOSITIVE (BOND) - IN PERSON COURT APPEARANCE FOR CCC 7 WILL BE WAIVED AND RESET COURT DATE HAVE BEEN ENTERED ON FORVUS THROUGH MAY 8, 2020 OR AS REQUESTED BY ATTORNEY OF RECORD; however, if you need a hearing please contact court coordinator via email to request a hearing date. **FOR ALL RESETS**, see attached reset dates for previously set cases according to your current court date.

DISPOSITIVE HEARINGS for **Defendants in JAIL** will be brought up to Court only by request of an attorney of record via email and with a confirmed response from the Court. **Please contact the Assistant District Attorney assigned to your case prior to requesting a defendant on the jail chain and/or a confirmed court appearance. You may contact the District Attorney's Office at (214) 653-3600 to reach the assigned ADA's of this Court.**

BOND HEARINGS may be heard without Defendants who are **IN CUSTODY** unless opposed by the State. The signature will be waived if required for bond; however, if a Defendant is **NOT IN CUSTODY** and granted a PR Bond, they must follow the jail protocol which requires a walk-thru for book-in purposes.

NO COURT REPORTER AVAILABLE IN COURT unless upon request during period of modified procedures. Hearings requiring a record will be heard on a case by case basis and may be requested only by attorney of record or the Court.

Please be advised that these are modified procedures and each may be amended or discontinued at any time by discretion of this Court or Government. Therefore, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Susan Vahala (Court Coordinator) or Ms. Estrella Pineda (Ct. Reporter) via email. Keep in mind all efforts will be taken for the safety of all court staffs, attorneys, and the public.

Yours in Service,

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