



DALLAS COUNTY

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS
AND
DISTRICT COURTS GIVING PREFERENCE TO CRIMINAL CASES

**TEMPORARY COURT PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO HEALTH AND
SAFETY CONCERNS FOR ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

In response to the public health emergency due to the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the judges of the Criminal District Courts and District Courts giving preference to Criminal Cases of Dallas County, Texas, implement the following procedures effective immediately and continuing until May 8, 2020:

1. Jury Trials

The courts will not be conducting jury trials until May 8, 2020. Any jury trials currently set for trial prior to May 8, 2020, will be reset.

2. Non-dispositive settings for persons on bond.

The personal appearance of any person on bond will be waived for all announcement or non-dispositive settings. Counsel for the defendant will still need to sign a pass slip on the appearance date.

3. Settings for persons in jail.

Cases involving a defendant incarcerated in the jail will only be set for dispositive settings.

4. Bond Hearings

The appearance of non-violent defendants seeking a bond reduction may be waived and the hearing may proceed with the attorneys only.

These temporary procedures may be removed by the judges at an earlier date should circumstances improve. All attorneys with cases pending in the courts should stay in contact with the courts for any future changes in procedure.

SIGNED this 16th day of March, 2020.



**JUDGE TAMMY KEMP
PRESIDING JUDGE FOR THE
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS OF
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS**