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COLLIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS SECOND JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

The Collin County District Courts recognize the concern about a potential outbreak of COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus). The health and safety of employees, attorneys, litigants, and the public remain a paramount concern. The district courts are doing their part to address these concerns in the following manner.

Pursuant to the *First Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster* jointly issued on March 13, 2020, and the *Third Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster* jointly issued on March 19, 2020, by the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, these guidelines are effective until May 8, 2020.

1. Public Health and Maximum Group Size

The district courts will not conduct proceedings which exceed the maximum group size restrictions in effect in Collin County. Anyone who is sick or who thinks they have been exposed to COVID-19 should not come to the courthouse and should contact his or her court by phone or email regarding any questions.

2. Non-Essential Court Matters are Rescheduled

Unless a case is designated below as an Essential Court Matter, all in-person hearings and trials will be rescheduled during the time this order is in effect. Essential Court Matters will proceed, likely by remote appearance. **You must contact each court regarding each setting.**

3. Essential Court Matters Defined

Essential proceedings include, but are not limited to:

- a. Criminal magistration proceedings,
- b. CPS removal hearings,
- c. Temporary restraining orders / temporary injunctions,
- d. Juvenile detention hearings,
- e. Family violence protective orders,
- f. Certain mental health proceedings, and
- g. Any other matters that may be designated by a court at its discretion

4. No Jury Trials

The district courts will not be calling any jury trials during the time this order is in effect.

5. Uncontested Matters by Submission Only

Beginning immediately, no uncontested matters will be heard. All agreed orders and matters that can be heard by submission should be electronically filed.

6. Electronic Appearances

Courts are developing a plan for electronic video appearances through [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) – contact your court for further information.

7. Contact the Courts

Look on your court’s website for up-to-date contact information. If you have any questions, please email the court coordinator.

Collin County District Courts - https://www.collincountytx.gov/district_courts/

Collin County District Clerk - https://www.collincountytx.gov/district_clerk/

SIGNED on 3/19/2020.

/s/ Emily Miskel

By Hon. Emily Miskel
Local Administrative District Judge

On behalf of:

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