

County Court at Law No. 4 Temporarily Modifying Court Proceedings in Response to COVID-19 Virus

Pursuant to the disaster declarations of President Donald J. Trump, Governor Greg Abbott, County Judge Clay Jenkins, Mayor Eric Johnson, and the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, this Court finds that it is necessary to implement temporary procedures to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

ON THIS DAY, March 16th, 2020, in the best interest of public health and safety, this court enters the following temporary procedures.

FORCIBLE ENTRY & DETAINER

All trials are cancelled until 30-days after the Governor lifts the State of Disaster Declaration. We will notify you as soon as possible with updates. Court Coordinator, Cathy Moran, will send new trial notices.

TRIALS

All trials are cancelled through May 8, 2020. Court Coordinator, Cathy Moran, will send new trial notices.

If you have a special setting, please work with her via email to obtain a new date.

MOTIONS DOCKET

Motions for Summary Judgment scheduled between now and May 8, 2020 will be heard by submission. Make sure to have all your exhibits attached to your motions and responses. The Court may contact you for additional briefing.

All other motions will be rescheduled starting Monday, May 11, 2020 at 9 a.m.. The Clerks will assign your new hearing time per this Court's instructions to them. However, if after receiving the motion's new assigned hearing time, the parties wish to have the Court hear the motion and response by submission, please have your agreement on file and contact the Court Clerk, who will docket your motion in 30-minute intervals (from 9 a.m. -11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) on the following dates:

- March 25-March 27, 2020;
- April 1 – April 3, 2020;
- April 8 – April 10, 2020;
- April 15- April 17, 2020;
- April 22 – April 24, 2020;

· April 29 – May 1, 2020; and

· May 6 – May 8, 2020.

Motions filed on or after March 17, 2020 also may be set on the Submission Docket upon the parties' agreement, which must be filed before contacting the Clerks.

The Court's regular Submission Docket remains unchanged.

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS

The Court will be available to hear TROs by video-conference through Court Call©.

It is the Parties responsibility to contact the Clerks to get a TRO scheduled. The Clerks will contact the Court, who will assign the docket time. You may receive additional instructions from the clerk before your hearing is docketed.

Once the Clerks have provided you with your hearing time, it is your responsibility to contact Court Call© and set up the conference. Court Call©'s number is 1-888-882-6878; they are giving users a 25% discount. **Please note that the Office of Court Administration is currently working on providing statewide solutions for teleconferencing that may be free of cost. We will notify with updates**

NOTE: It is this Court's hope that all activities will return to normal after May 11, 2020. These temporary procedures are subject to change to conform with local, state, and national authorities guidelines. Please stay safe.

/s/ Judge Rosales

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