

DISTRICT COURT OF CREEK COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA



AO-20-3

KELLY HAKE, DISTRICT JUDGE  
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**OKMULGEE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT  
Implementing Temporary Measures**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
MARCH 17, 2020**

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OKMULGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
CHARLY CRINER, Court Clerk  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

1<sup>ST</sup> AMENDED  
OKMULGEE COUNTY EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION COURT ORDER

In an effort to help curb the potential spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), and to comport with (1) the Executive Order (2020-07) issued by Governor Stitt; and (2) the First Emergency Joint Order Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster (SCAD NO. 2020-24) issued by the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, Presiding District Judge Kelly Hake orders and approves the following temporary measures affecting the work of the Okmulgee County District Court.

This Order replaces and supercedes the prior Order issued by this Court titled "Okmulgee COUNTY DISTRICT COURT Implementing Temporary Orders" issued on March 15, 2020.

1. All Civil Division dockets shall be suspended for the weeks of March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6, 2020.
2. Subject only to constitutional limitation: All Criminal Division dockets shall be suspended for the weeks of March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6, 2020, with the exception of emergency matters, arraignments, bond hearings, and required proceedings of any kind which shall be held on a case by case basis by the assigned judge.
3. All Family Division dockets will be suspended for the weeks of March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6, 2020, with the exception of emergency custody

hearings and the protective order docket. Emergency matters and Protective Orders and required proceedings shall be handled by the assigned judge on a case by case basis.

4. All Juvenile Division docket matters shall be suspended with the exception of emergency matters which shall be scheduled by the assigned Judge on a case by case basis.
5. All Probate Division docket matters shall be suspended for the weeks of March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6, 2020, with the exception of emergency guardianship matters and other emergency hearings which shall be handled by the assigned judge on a case by case basis.
6. All cases which were set on the suspended dockets are hereby reset for the same day of the week, at the same time, exactly four (4) weeks later unless otherwise scheduled by the assigned judge.
7. All Judges and judicial staff should go to work as normal;
8. Judges who preside over dockets that remain open should continue to use their discretion in granting continuances requested for reasons related to public health. Those Judges should be especially cognizant of persons who fall into the following categories:
  - a. Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with coronavirus;
  - b. Persons with apparent symptoms of coronavirus, such as fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath;
  - c. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, board of health, or other medical provider or health agency, or who reside with anyone who has been asked to self-quarantine; and
  - d. Persons who have travelled to the following countries within the last fourteen (14) days: China, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea;

All attorneys and parties who may fall into any of these categories and who have cases on the open dockets are to call the specific Judge's chambers and request a new court date as necessary.

9. Only court personnel, law enforcement, the individual parties, the parties' respective attorneys and witnesses may enter the courtroom.
10. Only attorneys, pro-se litigants, Judges, Judge's staff and law enforcement may enter the Judge's or clerk's office or any other facility utilized by the District Court, subject to the assigned Judge's discretion. Provided, however, 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:

- a. Persons who have been diagnosed with or have direct contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19;
- b. Persons with symptoms such as fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath;
- c. Persons who have traveled to any country outside of the U.S. in the past 14 days, and those with whom they live or have had close contact;
- d. Persons who are quarantined or isolated by any doctor or who voluntarily quarantine; and
- e. If you are in one of these categories (a-d) and are scheduled for a court appearance or are seeking emergency relief, contact your attorney and if you have no attorney, call the court clerk's office in the county where you are required to appear.

  
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KELLY HAKE  
District Judge

For further information, please contact:

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