

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE 39<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT Franklin  
County and Fulton County Branches**

In Re: 39th Judicial District

: Emergency Judicial Order

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: No. 52-2020 MCP

**Amended Emergency Judicial Order**

**And now this 21st day of December, 2020,**

**WHEREAS, this court entered an order on December 7, 2020 emergency order “rolling back” court proceedings within the 39<sup>th</sup> Judicial District through January 8, 2021 to limit in person proceedings to only those originally exempted by Chief Justice Saylor by his order of March 18, 2020;**

**AND WHEREAS since the entry of the December 7, 2020 order, “In response to the rapid rise in positive cases across the state, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) has contracted with AMI to perform pop-up testing in various counties, including Franklin County.” Franklin County Local Government website post Dec. 15, 2020;**

**AND WHEREAS, a large coalition of health systems, local government boards, non-profits and professional associations have banded together to support efforts to stem the rising positivity rate and hospitalization of the citizens in Franklin County; See <https://www.healthyfranklincounty.org/community-call-action-we-will-work-together-mitigate-spread-covid-19>;**

**AND WHEREAS, Fulton County continues to see infection numbers far greater than those ever recorded at any time during the pandemic; Pa. Dept. of Health December, 19, 2020.**

**AND WHEREAS, the courts continue to be a place in which there is in adequate ventilation, and proceedings compel persons to interact in close proximity over several minutes and hours, especially attorneys and clients, which in turn prevent meaningful compliance with CDC recommended guidelines for social spacing and time limits in enclosed areas which may help with but cannot actually eliminate the spread of the virus;**

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**AND WHEREAS, the court has reviewed the various judicial emergency orders filed in the 61 judicial districts and determined a majority have suspended the manner in which various proceedings will be conducted into 2021 in response to the impact the virus has had on their respective districts;**

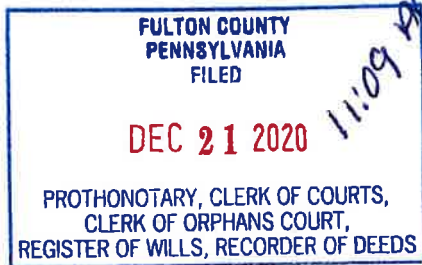
**AND WHEREAS, the virus continues to pose a threat to the health and safety of employees who work within court facilities, attorneys, litigants and the public at large;**


**For the foregoing reasons the undersigned President Judge does decree and IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

**AND NOW** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020, the Court having executed and filed and Emergency Judicial Order on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 eliminating in person proceedings through January 8, 2021;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Paragraph 7 of the Court's December 7, 2020 Emergency Judicial Order is here by amended and the date for the suspension of in person proceedings is extended up to and through January 31, 2021. Any prior amendments to the order as to dates is revoked. All other amendments are incorporated and affirmed.

All other provision of the December 7, 2020 Emergency Judicial Order not otherwise altered by this order are hereby incorporated and affirmed.



Signed:  P.J.

Dated: December 21, 2020

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Board of Judges  
Court Administration  
Magisterial District Judges  
Tim Sponseller, Franklin Co. Prothonotary  
Todd Rock, Franklin Co. Clerk of Courts  
Linda Miller, Franklin Co. Register and Recorder  
Patty Fix, Fulton Co. Prothonotary/Clerk/Register & Recorder  
Franklin Co. Sheriff Dane Anthony  
Fulton Co. Sheriff Keith Stains  
Chief Douglas Wilburne – Franklin Co. Probation/Parole

**Chief Richard Ackerman – Franklin Co. Juvenile Probation**  
**Chief Dan Miller – Fulton Co. Adult & Juv. Probation/Parole**  
**Franklin Co. District Attorney, Matt Fogal**  
**Franklin Co. Public Defender, Casey Bogner**  
**Fulton Co. District Attorney Travis Kendall**  
**Fulton Co. Public Defender Phil Harper**  
**Franklin & Fulton Co. Commissioners**  
**Masters/Hearing Officers/Conciliators**