

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)
CIRCUIT AND FAMILY COURTS)

IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS)

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ORDER

In response to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and in order to protect the public and in an effort to minimize contact between employees and the public, the Chief Administrative Judges for Charleston County Circuit and Family Courts issue the following order, effective immediately:

All Circuit Court motions and jury trials scheduled through May 1, 2020 are postponed pending further Order of the Court. The summoning of jurors will be postponed pending further Order of the Court.

All docket meetings, roll call, Transfer Court, and other large gatherings are postponed pending further Order of the Court.

All Grand Jury proceedings scheduled through May 1, 2020 are postponed pending further Order of the Court.

Any scheduling of emergency matters for Circuit Court will be done at the direction of the Chief Administrative Judge.

Family Courts shall only hear emergency matters including, but not limited to, DSS Emergency Protective Custody, Juvenile Detentions, Bench Warrants, and Emergency Petitions for Orders of Protection from Domestic Abuse. Only attorneys, their clients, and necessary witnesses will be allowed to appear for these emergency hearings.

THEREFORE, IT IS SO ORDERED

S/ Jennifer B. McCoy
Chief Administrative Judge Common Pleas

S/ R. Markley Dennis, Jr.
Chief Administrative Judge General Sessions

S/ Daniel E. Martin, Jr.
Chief Administrative Judge Family Court

Charleston, South Carolina
March 18, 2020