

IN THE 29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PALO PINTO COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS DUE TO THE COVID-19
STATE OF DISASTER**

Whereas on March 13, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the imminent threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, the undersigned finds that the following orders are appropriate, reasonable and necessary as all non-essential, in person proceedings may pose an unnecessary or unreasonable risk to participants, court staff and the public.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT:

1. All non-essential proceedings are hereby suspended and will not be heard until at least May 1, 2020.
2. Essential proceedings are not suspended. However, the Court will conduct essential proceedings in a manner consistent with the best practices for reducing the threat of exposure to COVID-19. Essential proceedings consist of criminal magistration proceedings, CPS removal hearings, temporary restraining orders / temporary injunctions, and family violence protective orders.
3. Any and all persons who are to appear before the 29th Judicial District Court who have COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, a fever, or who are

coughing or sneezing, are **ordered** to contact the court at the telephone number below before appearing.

4. All attorneys who know that clients, witnesses, or others have such a condition are **ordered** to alert the court that such conditions exist in advance. When these conditions are present, the court will make reasonable accommodations and reschedule appearances and hearings as needed.
5. This Order is effective immediately and expires May 1, 2020, unless extended by the undersigned.
6. The Clerk of the 29th Judicial District Court is directed to:
 - Notify the Office of Court Administration by email at court closures@txcourts.gov with information about the closure or fill out the webform with information about the closure.
 - Send a copy of this Order to the attorneys and self-represented litigants with cases scheduled on this court's docket affected by this Order.
7. If you need to contact the 29th Judicial District Court because you have symptoms or if you have questions about the scheduling of a case you can contact the Court Coordinator:
 - By telephone at (940) 659-1274 or
 - By email to teresia.greenhaw@co.palo-pinto.tx.us

Signed March 23, 2020.



Michael D. Moore, Judge Presiding