

**CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

ORDER

The Israel Augustine Criminal Justice Center remains closed to the public. Since the original order of closure, March 16, 2020, the Judges, Magistrate and Commissioners of Criminal District Court have been conducting their respective sections of court dockets under Phase One of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court Continuity of Operations Plan. Phase One will remain in place until two weeks after the withdrawal of Louisiana State Governor John Bel Edwards' Stay at Home Order and the withdrawal of the City of New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell's Stay at Home Order.

Under the guidelines of Phase One:

- All jury trials are suspended until further notice.
- No jurors will be summoned until further notice. If you have received a summons in error, please contact the Jury Commissioner's Office at (504) 658-9200.
- All first appearances will be held via audio and/or video conferencing.
- All sections of court are handling their hearings via web based audio conferencing on days and times which are scheduled by the respective section judge.

PHASE TWO OF THE COURT CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN WILL BE ENACTED WHEN THE COURTHOUSE REOPENS.

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Under the Guidelines of Phase Two:

- Please be prepared to undergo a temperature check and a basic health interview prior to entrance to the building.
- Access to the courthouse, and/or each courtroom, will be limited to the maximum number of people safely allowed to be within the confines of the building, and/or a given courtroom, based on the recommendations of the Court's medical expert consultant, Dr. Corey Hebert.
- Three sections of court will be in session per day, Monday through Thursday. Section assignments will be publicized prior to Phase Two re-opening.
- The courthouse will have a strictly adhered to daily closure time, for cleaning purposes.
- The courthouse will be closed Friday for deep cleaning.
- All attorneys, witnesses and defendants with scheduled criminal proceedings and notices are urged to first consult the Court's website, www.criminalcourt.org prior to arrival.
- All jail-based hearings will be conducted via audio and/or video conferencing.

- All first appearances will continue to be held via audio and/or video conferencing.
- Pedestrian access to the building will be limited to the main entrance on Tulane Avenue.
- Pedestrian exit from the building will be limited to the Broad Street and S. White Street exit only doors.
- Specialty Court clients will continue to be supervised remotely by treatment specialists and case workers until further notice. All clients are urged to stay in touch with their case manager as scheduled. Court Interventions Services: (504) 658-9400.
- Pretrial Services clients are strongly urged to call (504) 658-9482 prior to arrival at the courthouse.
- Restitution payments may be made online by visiting our website www.criminalcourt.org. Should you wish to make your payment in person, please call (504) 658-9440 prior to arrival at the courthouse.

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New Orleans, Louisiana this 29th day of April, 2020.

ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COURT EN BANC


KAREN K. HERMAN, CHIEF JUDGE