

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Louisiana Const. Art. V, Sect. 1; pursuant to La. R.S. 1:55 due to the COVID-19 emergency as detailed in Louisiana State Governor John Bel Edwards's Executive Department Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 – Public Health Emergency – COVID-19, 27 JBE 2020, 30 JBE 2020, 33 JBE 2020 and 41 JBE 2020, the City of New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell's Mayoral Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to COVID-19, the Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette J. Johnson's letter dated March 12, 2020 to all Chief Judges and Criminal District Court's Deputy Chief Judge Robin D. Pittman's letter dated March 13, 2020 in accordance with the inherent powers of this court, the Chief Judge, on behalf of the Judges of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court,

HEREBY ORDERS THAT:

The previous order of this court dated March 25, 2020 and signed on behalf of the Court En Banc by Deputy Chief Judge Robin D. Pittman, be extended to April 30, 2020;

All jury trials are suspended for the duration of this order;

All juror service has been suspended through the month of May 2020; and

All attorneys, defendants and witnesses with scheduled notices to appear from March 16, 2020 through April 30, 2020 shall appear between May 18, 2020 and May 22, 2020 for a subpoena for their new court date.

All first appearances will continue to be held via audio and/or video conferencing;

For all other Magistrate Court matters, defendants will be notified and/or subpoenaed to appear for dates on or after April 30, 2020.

If the conditions indicate that the Court needs to adjust the above policy, notice will be posted to the Court's website (www.criminalcourt.org), the Louisiana Supreme Court website (www.lasc.org) and in the local media.

New Orleans, Louisiana this 9th day of April, 2020.

Acting on behalf of the Court En Banc


KAREN K HERMAN, CHIEF JUDGE