

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF YANCEY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURT DIVISIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-7

**COVID-19 IMPACT ON YANCEY COUNTY JAIL AND YANCEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS THEY
RELATE TO COURT PROCEEDINGS IN YANCEY COUNTY**

NOW COMES the undersigned Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, in both his capacity as Senior Resident and as the Covid-19 Facility Coordinator for the 24th Judicial District, and enters this Administrative Order concerning court operations in Yancey County beginning July 7, 2020.

IT APPEARING TO THE UNDERSIGNED that catastrophic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak continue to exist in all counties of the 24th Judicial District and that the spread of the infection has recently had a significant impact on the Yancey County Jail and the Yancey County Sheriff's Department.

IT APPEARING TO THE UNDERSIGNED that this impact has resulted in the temporary closing of the Yancey County Jail and the transfer of all inmates to facilities in other counties.

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE UNDERSIGNED that the spread of the infection among the staff of the Yancey County Sheriff's Department has significantly impaired the ability of the Sheriff's Department to provide the personnel that is necessary to conduct in-person court proceedings.

THIS ORDER IS ENTERED in accordance with the directives of the Chief Justice, which directives are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out.

ALL PRIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS shall remain in full force and effect except as may be specifically modified herein.

NOW THEREFORE beginning July 7, 2020 and continuing for an initial term of fourteen (14) days to and including July 21, 2020 it is ordered that;

1. No writ shall issue or be honored for any Yancey County inmate to appear in any court proceedings throughout the State during this period or any extensions thereof.
2. During this period or any extensions thereof, no Yancey County Court Proceedings shall be conducted unless the proceeding can be conducted remotely or unless the proceeding and procedures are specifically approved by the Covid-19 Facility Coordinator.

This the 7th day of July, 2020.

s/Gary M. Gavenus

Honorable Gary M. Gavenus
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge
Covid-19 Facility Coordinator