

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
COUNTY OF STANLY

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY NO. 20-R-25
STANLY COUNTY NO. 20-R-1

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT 20A MONTGOMERY CO. C.S. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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This matter coming on before the Honorable Kevin M. Bridges, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, and the Honorable William C. Tucker, Chief District Court Judge, in Judicial District 20A, to comply with the Executive Orders of the Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina, and the continuing emergency directives of the Honorable Cheri Beasley, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court in addressing concerns raised by the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the State;

And these Courts find that on March 27, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order 121 requiring all citizens to stay in their residences with some exceptions; that on April 2, 2020, the Chief Justice ordered that all superior and district court proceedings be rescheduled no sooner than June 1, 2020 consistent with the emergency directives set forth in her order;

And these Courts conclude that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Judicial District 20A that emergency measures be implemented concerning court schedules consistent with the Governor's Executive Order and the directives of the Chief Justice for the purpose of mitigating the transmission of the COVID-19 pandemic; that a Montgomery County sheriff's deputy tested positive for COVID-19 which has placed all court personnel at greater risk of contracting the virus, and therefore, a temporary cessation of all court proceedings in both superior and district court in Montgomery County is necessary to protect court personnel and the public.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

1. The administrative order filed on March 17, 2020 is hereby extended to June 1, 2020.
2. All court proceedings in both superior and district courts in Montgomery County are hereby temporarily suspended for a period of 14 days beginning on Monday, April 6, 2020.
3. All Montgomery County court personnel including the sheriff, deputies, assistant district attorneys and clerks who had contact with the deputy who tested positive for COVID-19 and/or any of his immediate family members are strongly urged to self-quarantine during the two-week period.
4. Unless another order is entered extending the temporary shutdown of court proceedings in superior and district court in Montgomery County, the emergency schedules implemented in the March 17, 2020 order shall resume at the end of the two-week period.

5. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the Stanly County Sheriff's Office are hereby authorized to take reasonable precautions to safeguard court personnel and other members of the public by taking temperatures by a non-invasive method and barring entry to the respective courthouses to any person who refuses to be tested, has a temperature above normal, who exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19, or who otherwise falls within the emergency directives of the April 2, 2020 order of the Chief Justice.
6. All prior Emergency Administrative Orders relevant to the containment of COVID-19 are hereby incorporated by reference and continue to be in full effect unless specifically modified by this order.

This the 3rd day of April, 2020.

/s/ KEVIN M. BRIDGES

KEVIN M. BRIDGES
SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
JUDICIAL DISTRICT 20A

/s/ WILLIAM C. TUCKER

WILLIAM C. TUCKER
CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
JUDICIAL DISTRICT 20A