

NORTH CAROLINA

BERTIE COUNTY

IN RE:

CORONAVIRUS II )  
(COVID-19) )

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT  
COURT DIVISIONS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The undersigned Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for Judicial District 6B and Chief District Court Judge for Judicial District 6 enter this Administrative Order in response to Governor Roy Cooper's declaration of a State of Emergency in the State of North Carolina on March 10, 2020 and in accordance with the Order of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that catastrophic conditions resulting from the public health threat posed by COVID-19 exist in Bertie County, North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that, effective for the duration of the State of Emergency:

1. No spectators will be allowed in the courtrooms. Only defendants, victims, and witnesses are allowed in the courtrooms.
2. No children under the age of 12 will be allowed in the courtroom, unless prior arrangements have been made with a court official.
3. No writs will be issued. Cases on for disposition may be allowed at the Judge's discretion.
4. Domestic Violence Ex-Parte Hearings will be conducted remotely; which includes telephone hearings and other means of audio video communication.
5. Domestic Violence Protective Order and No Contact Order hearings will be held on every Wednesday.
6. Only time-sensitive Juvenile cases will be heard on every Wednesday.
7. District Court first appearances, bond hearings and jail cases (criminal and child support) will be held on every Wednesday.
8. Superior Court first appearances, bond hearings, and jail cases will be held on Monday of each scheduled term of court.
9. Temporary Restraining Orders will be conducted remotely; which includes telephone hearings and other means of audio video communication.

10. Grand Jury will be canceled.
11. Only time-sensitive small claims cases are to be scheduled by the Clerk of Superior Court.
12. All emergency Civil matters should be directed to the Trial Court Coordinator, Sheila Eley at 252-358-7080.

This administrative order shall expire when the declared state of emergency expires or upon further order of the Court.

This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



Cy A. Grant, Sr.  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge



Brenda G. Branch  
Chief District Court Judge