

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BURKE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
20-R-_____

IN THE MATTER OF THE OPERATION
OF THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 25-A

ORDER CONCERNING COURT
OPERATIONS FOR THE
JULY 27, 2020 SESSION

This matter came on before Robert C. Ervin, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, in the exercise of the Court's in chambers jurisdiction. The undersigned judge makes the following order subject to orders previously entered by Chief Justice Cheri Beasley of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

1. On March 13, 2020, Chief Justice Cheri Beasley entered an order pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. 7A-39(b)(2) determining that catastrophic conditions resulting from a public health threat posed by COVID-19 exist in all counties of this state.
2. On April 2, 2020, Chief Justice Cheri Beasley entered a second order pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. 7A-39(b)(2) determining that "catastrophic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak have existed and continue to exist in all counties of this state."
3. On May 21, 2020, Chief Justice Cheri Beasley entered a third order pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. 7A-39(b)(2) determining that "catastrophic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak have existed and continue to exist in all counties of this state."
4. Emergency Directive 9 issued on May 21, 2020 provides that "no session of court may be scheduled if doing so would result in members of the public sitting or standing in close proximity and/or for extended periods of time in contravention of current public health guidance."
5. The undersigned judge believes that this session of court may be conducted in conformity with Emergency Directive 9.
6. The undersigned Superior Court Judge has reviewed the calendar for the July 27, 2020 Session of Criminal Superior Court in Burke County and has conferred with representatives of the District Attorney's office.
7. This session was scheduled as a trial session of criminal court.
8. There are 19 defendants who have cases set for first appearances or who are unrepresented having previously waived counsel.
9. There are 5 other defendants who have cases on this calendar.
10. There are defendants who are in custody either in the Burke County jail or in some other State or local confinement facility. Defendants who are in custody in a facility operated by the State of North Carolina or another county may not be available by writ.

