

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The undersigned Senior Resident Superior Court Judges and Chief District Court Judge enter this Administrative Order in response to the coronavirus COVID-19.

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that on March 13, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency and recognized that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommends that people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 avoid large groups of people as much as possible” and further recognized that the “people at high risk of severe illness” are “adults over 65 years, those with underlying health conditions including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes, or with weakened immune systems;”

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommends for “Mass Gathering Events” that the event organizers, in part: 1) urge everyone who is sick not to attend; 2) encourage those who are at high risk as described above not attend; 3) find ways to give people more physical space to limit close contact as much as possible; and 4) encourage attendees to wash hands frequently;

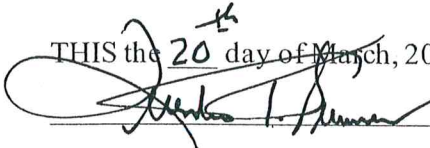
AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that Chief Justice Cheri Beasley of the North Carolina Supreme Court issued an Administrative Order March 13, 2020 that most Superior and District Court activities in the State be suspended for the next thirty days;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that Article 1, Section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution provides “All courts shall be open; every person for an injury done him in his lands, goods, person, or reputation shall have remedy by due course of law, and right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial or delay;”

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Only courts that are necessary to due process of law, or are otherwise deemed necessary, will be held during the next thirty days.
2. The attached schedule is hereby incorporated in this Order, setting out modifications and changes to the Superior and District Courts;
3. No person with the coronavirus or flu-like symptoms will be allowed to enter the courthouses of the District;
4. All persons seeking entrance to the courthouses may be subject to limited medical screening and other procedures to ensure the safety of the courthouse prior to such entrance.

THIS the 20th day of March, 2020.



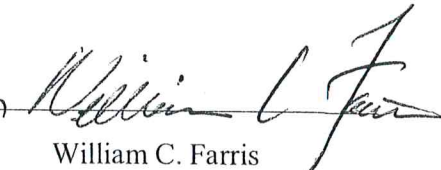
Quentin T. Sumner

Sr Res. Superior Ct Judge 7A



Walter H. Godwin, Jr.

Sr Res. Superior Ct Judge 7B&C



William C. Farris

Chief District Court Judge 7th

	A	B	C	D
1	Subject to Change Without Notice	REGULAR	CONTINUED FOR 30 DAYS	CHANGES
2	SUPERIOR COURT			
3	Criminal Superior Trials		X	
4	Criminal Superior Administrative Week		X	
5	Pleas		X	
6	Probation			As Needed
7	Bond Motions			As Needed
8	First Appearances			As Needed
9	Motions			TRO & EMERG. CASE BY CASE
10	Sex Offender		X	
11	Gun Permit Appeals		X	
12	Superior Civil Jury Trials		X	
13	Superior Civil Non-Jury Trials		X	
14	Superior Civil Motions		X	
15	Superior Court Mediation	X		
16	School Board Bond Forfeitures		X	
17	DISTRICT COURT			
18	Criminal Traffic Court		X	
19	Court Non Motor Vehicle Court		X	
20	Probation			JAIL CASES ONLY
21	First Appearances	X		
22	Juvenile Court-Criminal			Secure Custody Hearings Only
23	Juvenile Court-DSS			Nonsecure Custody Hearings Only
24	Child Support		X	Jail cases addressed daily
25	Domestic Violence	X		
26	District Court-Non-Domestic Motions		X	
27	District Court-Non-Domestic- Jury Trials		X	
28	District Court-Non-Domestic Non Jury		X	
29	District Court-Non-Domestic Motions		X	
30	District Court Custody Mediation			REMOTE APPEARANCE
31				
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34	Involuntary Commitment Hearings	X		
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40	CLERK OF COURT			
41	Special Proceedings	X (Guardianships)		Foreclosures/etc Postponed
42	Estate			Only Pressing Matters Will Proceed
43	CIVIL MAGISTRATES-SMALL CLAIMS		X	All Sessions Cancelled