

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

SURRY AND STOKES COUNTIES
JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17B

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

RE: CORVID-19

IT APPEARING TO THE UNDERSIGNED CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE that Article 1, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina mandates that “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.”

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE UNDERSIGNED CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, who serves at the appointment of THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT that an order has been entered that delays the ordinary and regular sessions of court for Surry and Stokes County until April 20, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. ALL REGULAR SESSIONS OF ALL CRIMINAL AND CIVIL COURTS IN SURRY AND STOKES COUNTIES SHALL AND HEREBY ARE CANCELLED UNTIL RESUMING THE PREVIOUSLY ORDERED DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR BEGINNING APRIL 20, 2020. NO PARTY OR ATTORNEY SHOULD APPEAR AND NEW COURT DATES SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR FUTURE HEARINGS AS SOON AS THOSE DATES ARE MADE.
2. MAGISTRATE JUDGES OF THE 17B JUDICIAL DISTRICT REMAIN UNDER THE SAME SCHEDULE AS PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED, SMALL CLAIMS COURT IS OTHERWISE POSTPONED, HOWEVER.
3. STOKES AND SURRY COUNTY SHALL EACH HAVE ONE JUDGE ASSIGNED (SEE ATTACHED) EACH DAY TO ADDRESS ALL MATTERS THAT ARE DETERMINED TO BE PRIORITY HEARINGS FROM 10:00 AM UNTIL 1:00 PM OR UNTIL THE BUSINESS OF THE COURT IS CONCLUDED.
 - a. PRIORITY HEARINGS SHALL INCLUDE:
 - i. FIRST APPEARANCES IN CRIMINAL CASES

- ii. NON-SECURE CUSTODY CASES IN DSS CASES
- iii. PROBATION VIOLATIONS FOR INMATES IN COUNTY JAILS
- iv. SECURE CUSTODY HEARINGS FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
- v. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER EX PARTE AND 10 DAY ORDER HEARINGS
- vi. CIVIL NO CONTACT EX PARTE ORDERS AND 10 DAY ORDER HEARINGS
- vii. EX PARTE CHILD CUSTODY COMPLAINTS AND EMERGENCY CHILD CUSTODY ORDERS
- viii. ALL BOND HEARINGS FOR INMATES AWAITING TRIAL

4. DISTRICT COURT JUDGES REMAIN ON CALL EVERY HOUR OF THE DAY FOR ALL MATTERS REGARDLESS OF ASSIGNMENT.

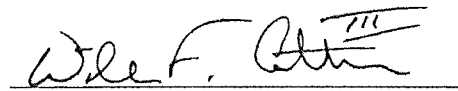
The regular sessions of Court shall resume April 20, 2020 as previously calendared unless further order is made.

The Stokes and Surry County Clerk of Superior Court shall make all efforts to assist the District Court Judges' Office to effect this Order and communicate the changes effected herein.

No person who is ill or otherwise showing symptoms of Corvid-19 should appear at either the Surry or Stokes County Courthouse but should communicate with the courthouse staff to obtain new court dates.

Any questions may be directed to the office of the Clerk of Superior Court in Stokes or Surry County or the Chief District Court Judge's chambers.

This the 13th day of March 2020



William F. Southern III
Chief District Court Judge

AMENDED CALENDARS

| | Stokes County | Surry County |
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| March 16, 2020 - | Southern | Key |
| March 17, 2020 - | Boone | Langan |
| March 18, 2020 - | Key | Southern |
| March 19, 2020 - | Langan | Boone |
| March 20, 2020 - | Southern | Key |
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| March 23, 2020 - | Boone | Langan |
| March 24, 2020 - | Key | Southern |
| March 25, 2020 - | Langan | Boone |
| March 26, 2020 - | Southern | Key |
| March 27, 2020 - | Boone | Langan |
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| March 30, 2020 - | Key | Southern |
| March 31, 2020 - | Langan | Boone |
| April 1, 2020 - | Southern | Key |
| April 2, 2020 - | Boone | Langan |
| April 3, 2020 - | Key | Southern |
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| April 6, 2020 - | Langan | Boone |
| April 7, 2020 - | Southern | Key |
| April 8, 2020 - | Boone | Langan |
| April 9, 2020 - | Key | Southern |
| April 10, 2020 | GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY | |
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| April 13, 2020 - | Langan | Boone |
| April 14, 2020 - | Southern | Key |
| April 15, 2020 - | Boone | Langan |
| April 16, 2020 - | Key | Southern |
| April 17, 2020 - | Langan | Boone |