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15A Judicial District
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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We have had several staffing developments this afternoon regarding court operations affected by COVID-19. I've consulted multiple times with the Heath Department and Judicial leadership team and we have made the determination to cancel criminal court for the remainder of this week except for any criminal matters that can be held remotely and first appearances that are legally required to be handled on a daily basis. If a member of the public has a first appearance scheduled for 2:00 pm, those small number of matters will still be heard.

The staffing issues have not affected the operation of our civil courts and therefore civil courts will remain open as scheduled including child support court, civil motions and district and superior court trials as well as emergency protective orders. As most of you know, those matters are held in buildings separate from the Judge J.B. Allen, Jr. Criminal Courts Building.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate court operations as safely as possible.

Thank you,

Tom Lambeth
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge
COVID-19 Courts Coordinator