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The 26th Judicial District of North Carolina

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Temporary Modification of Court Schedule Announcement

In response to the evolving impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the 26th Judicial District will move to a limited court schedule, effective Monday, March 16, 2020. All sessions will occur in the morning (AM) only. The modified court schedule shall be as follows:

COURTROOM	FUNCTION
1150	General first appearances, District Court Felonies, Bond Hearings, (<i>in custody</i>) Probable Cause Hearings (<i>in custody</i>)
2310	(Mental Health) Civil Commitments
2330	Small claims
3130	Probate Hearings
4110	Domestic Violence (50B & 50C), Ex Parte Orders, One Year Hearings
4130	Domestic Violence first appearance, Child Support Contempt, Misdemeanor Probation Violations (<i>in custody</i>), D Docket, Temporary Restraining Orders
5170	Probation, Probable Cause Hearings, Grand Jury
5310	Felony bonds and expedited arraignment (FRIDAY MORNINGS ONLY)
8370	Juvenile Detention, Nonsecure hearings, Emergency Custody

This modified schedule will be in effect for 30 days, but may be extended in whole or part if deemed necessary.

Persons who have likely been exposed to COVID-19 or are classified as high risk are encouraged to **NOT** come to the Courthouse for any reason. For purposes of this announcement, a person who has likely been exposed to COVID-19 is defined as any person who:

1. Has travelled to China, South Korea, Japan, Italy, or Iran within the past 14 days;
2. Has been directed to quarantine, isolate, or self-monitor;
3. Has been diagnosed with COVID-19; **OR**
4. Resides with or has been in close contact with any person in the abovementioned categories

JURY SERVICE

Jurors that have been summoned are asked to follow the instructions found on your jury summons.

If you are summoned for jury service and have likely been exposed to COVID-19 as outlined above, please **DO NOT** report for jury service. Contact the Jury Management Office at 877-649-7133 or via email at jurymanagementoffice@mecklenburgcountync.gov

WEDDINGS

No weddings will be conducted by Mecklenburg County Magistrates at the courthouse or at the Magistrate's Office located at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center located at 801 East 4th Street.

COURT OPERATIONS

The Mecklenburg County Courthouse will continue its normal hours of operation from 8:00am until 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. The Clerk of Superior Court's Office will be open from 9:00am until 5:00pm but will operate with limited staff.

If you have likely been exposed to COVID-19 and have business before the court as detailed in the chart above, please contact the Clerk of Superior Court's Office by telephone at 704-686-0414.

Judicial officials will use their discretion to grant liberal accommodations for those who cannot come to court.

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