



Municipal Court - City of Corsicana

March 18, 2020

Re: Updated Court procedures during COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") State of Disaster
(Update #1)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am issuing these updated general orders for the City of Corsicana Municipal Court. They amend the general orders issued March 16, 2020, in response to the on-going COVID-19 or "Coronavirus" pandemic.

These general orders are issued pursuant to authority granted me by the joint order issued by the Texas Supreme Court (Misc. Docket No. 20-9042) and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (Misc. Docket No. 20-007).

The updated general orders are:

1. All other orders put into place on March 16, 2020 are incorporated here and are still in effect, except for general order number 7, regarding the opening of mail.
2. Based on the latest information available, it appears that the COVID-19 virus is capable of living on surfaces for only a few days¹. Accordingly, the Court will open mail after a "quarantine" period, during which any virus on incoming mail should have naturally died out. Court staff and the judge shall only open mail no less than 7 calendar days after the mail is received. All parties are hereby advised that there will be a delay of at least 7 calendar days in how long the Court takes to open any mail the parties send to the Court.

¹ See van Doremalen et al., Aerosol and surface stability of HCoV-19 (SARS-CoV-2) compared to SARS-Co-V-1, Preprint *available at* <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.03.09.20033217v2> (last visited Mar. 18, 2020).



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3. The Court will automatically extend all community service plans for a period of 90 days. Defendants obliged to work community service hours for the Court are urged to follow the latest recommendations on social distancing from the Centers for Disease Control, rather than endanger themselves and others by attempting to work community service.
4. The Court will freeze payment plans for any non-salaried individuals currently unable to work due to social distancing practices.
5. These updated general orders shall be posted at the Court doors until rescinded.

SO ORDERED this 18th day of March, 2020.

Cody Beauchamp
Presiding Judge
Municipal Court
City of Corsicana, Texas