



Municipal Court - City of Corsicana

June 8, 2020

Re: Updated Court procedures during COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") State of Disaster
(Update #2)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am issuing these updated general orders for the City of Corsicana Municipal Court. They replace the general orders issued March 16, 2020 and the supplemental general orders issued March 18, 2020. Both sets of general orders were issued 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 the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (Misc. Docket No. 20-007), as well as the inherent authority of the Court to control its courtroom activities, in particular in order to guarantee the health and safety of individuals appearing before the Court.

The updated general orders are:

1. All General Orders from March 16, 2020 and March 18, 2020 are rescinded.
2. The Court's lobby area shall be allowed to reopen pursuant to guidelines issued by the Corsicana City Manager.
3. No jury trials will be set until after the Texas Office of Court Administration ("OCA") issues guidance on how to do so safely.
4. Parties involved in all other hearings will have the option of attending the hearing via Zoom.



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5. The Court will not set non-essential¹, in-person hearings until after July 1, 2020. This date will be updated in accordance with any further guidance from the OCA.
6. Individuals over 65 years old or with medical conditions that the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") have identified as causing the individual to have increased risk of contracting COVID-19² are required to identify themselves to the Court. Those individuals shall be required to attend hearings via Zoom. If the individual does not have the technological ability to access Zoom, the Court shall provide the individual with appropriate accommodations on a case-by-case basis.
7. These updated general orders shall be posted at the Court doors until rescinded.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of June, 2020.

Cody Beauchamp
Presiding Judge
Municipal Court
City of Corsicana, Texas

¹ Given the Court's jurisdiction, the only types of "essential" hearings that the Court anticipates at this time are hearings involving Magistrate's Emergency Protective Orders, hearings involving Magistrate's warnings for individuals arrested without a warrant as required by the Code of Criminal Procedure, and hearings involving dangerous dogs or the seizure of abused animals. The Court will, however, follow any guidance from the OCA on what does and does not constitute an "essential" hearing.

² These conditions include, but are not limited to: high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, autoimmune deficiencies, and cancer.