

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: 19TH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT DECLARATION OF
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

31 MM 2020

DECLARATION

AND NOW, this 8th day of October, 2020, per the Supreme Court's Order dated May 27, 2020, authorizing President Judges to declare judicial emergencies in their judicial districts, I declare that the judicial emergency in the 19th Judicial District is extended through March 31, 2021. During the emergency the following shall apply:

- (1). Limit in-person access and proceedings in order to safeguard the health and safety of court personnel, court users, and members of the public;
- (2). All persons must wear face masks at all times in all places when in the physical presence of jurors, however during the course of proceedings, the presiding judge may authorize an individual to temporarily remove his or her face mask when speaking if it is necessary for the individual to be understood, so long as a minimum of six feet of separation is maintained between the speaker and all jurors;
- (3). All persons must wear face masks at all times in all areas of the building directly accessible to members of the public, while elected officials may establish their own protocols regarding the wearing of masks by employees within areas of their respective departments not directly accessible to members of the public; and
- (4). Suspend statewide rules that restrict, directly or indirectly, the use of advanced communication technologies.

BY THE COURT:



Joseph C. Adams, President Judge
19th Judicial District