

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

IN RE: MODIFICATION OF COURT : No. A.D. 54-2020  
OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 :  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY : Supreme Court Docket No. 44 MM 2020

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

AND NOW, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, upon consideration of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's May 27, 2020, Order specifically empowering President Judges to continue to exercise emergency powers under Rule 1952(B)(2) of the Rules of Judicial Administration, and consistent with this Court's Orders of March 17, 2020, April 1, 2020, April 24, 2020, May 26, 2020, June 19, 2020, August 13, 2020, September 22, 2020, and October 19, 2020, and in conjunction with Warden Cheryl L. Steberger's continuing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the Lancaster County Prison, this Court hereby amends its previous Emergency Operations Administrative Orders and ORDERS that the following actions be continued through December 31, 2020, pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2):

**Bench Warrants**

1. Any individual arrested between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) on bench warrants issued by the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas will be transported to the Lancaster County Courthouse, and held by the Lancaster County Sherriff's Office pending a bench warrant hearing. Same-day bench warrant hearings will be held via video at the Court of Common Pleas, as needed, each business day at 3:00 PM.

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2. A moratorium is placed on the execution of all Domestic Relations warrants and Fines and Costs warrants through December 31, 2020.

### **Continuances**

3. No proceeding shall be scheduled for an individual within 14 days from his or her release from the Lancaster County Prison. Thereafter, the proceeding shall be scheduled as soon as practicable.

4. The 14-day period of delay shall be considered a Court delay and shall constitute excludable time for purposes of the application of Pa.R.Crim.P. No. 600.

### **Deferred Prison Sentences**

5. All sentence report dates imposed on or after the date of this Administrative Order shall be extended by a period of 60 days, at which time the defendant shall report to the Lancaster County Prison for execution of sentence, unless specifically directed otherwise by a presiding judge. This does not apply to any sentence for which the presiding judge orders immediate incarceration.

### **Other Modified Court Operations**

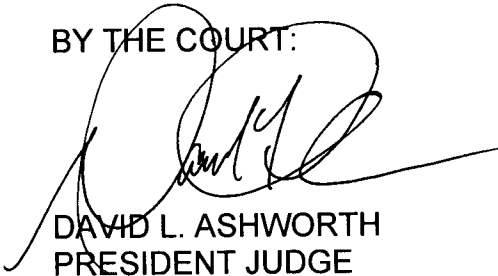
6. These and other modified Court operations shall be set forth in the protocols on the Court's website at <https://court.co.lancaster.pa.us/>

**Duration of Administrative Order**

7. This Administrative Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

8. This Administrative Order supports the health, safety, and welfare of the Lancaster County Prison staff and inmates, the public, courthouse employees, court employees, and participants in court proceedings.

BY THE COURT:



DAVID L. ASHWORTH  
PRESIDENT JUDGE

ATTEST: *Rhonda F. Allen*  
Ch. Dep

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