

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF GREENE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION) Court Administration
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER) Docket No. 4 of 2020

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
COVID-19

Modification of Court Procedures in the 13th Judicial District

AND NOW, this 7th day of December, 2020, due to the continuing COVID-19 threat and in an effort to reduce exposure and transmission of the virus at the Greene County Courthouse:

This Court ORDERS the following:

The scheduling of jury trials in Greene County, Pennsylvania shall be suspended until January 31, 2021, pending further Order of this Court.

The statutory right to a speedy trial pursuant to Rule 600 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure is also suspended until January 31, 2021, pending further Order of this Court.

Any rule that prohibits the use of Advanced Communication Technology (ACT) is suspended.

District Judges and Judges of the Court of Common Pleas are encouraged to and granted discretion in determining how Advanced Communication Technology (ACT) shall be utilized.

The District Courts are DIRECTED that all incarcerated Defendants must appear for their preliminary hearings by the use of Advanced Communication Technology (ACT).

The District Judges are encouraged to permit attorneys to appear by Advanced Communication Technology (ACT) if it is feasible and appropriate.

The District Courts shall stagger the commencement time of hearings with a view towards limiting the number of people present at any one time.

Courtroom 1 in the Greene County Courthouse shall be limited in capacity to no more than forty (40) people, excluding attorneys and staff.

Courtroom 2 shall be limited in capacity to no more than fourteen (14) people, excluding attorneys and staff.

Courtroom 3 shall be limited in capacity at the discretion of the Hearing Officer or the presiding Judge.

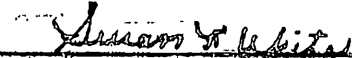
This order shall remain in effect until January 31, 2021 pending further order of this Court.

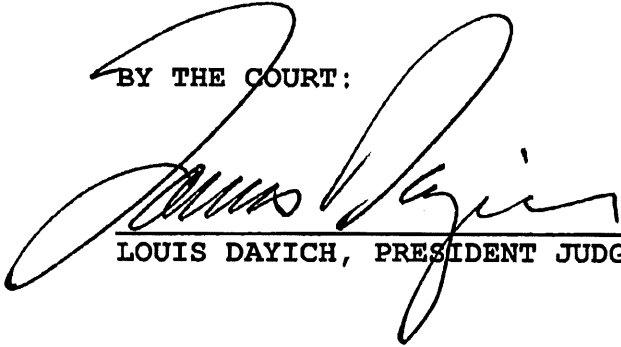
A copy of this order shall be provided to the Greene County District Attorney, the District Courts, and disseminated to all law enforcement agencies.

SO ORDERED AND DECREED

ATTEST:

BY THE COURT:


PROTHONOTARY


LOUIS DAYICH, PRESIDENT JUDGE

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA