

IN THE 91ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS DUE TO THE COVID-19 STATE
OF DISASTER**

Whereas on March 13, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the imminent threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, the undersigned finds that the following orders are appropriate, reasonable and necessary as all non-essential, in person proceedings may pose an unnecessary or unreasonable risk to participants, court staff, and the public.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT:

1. All "non-essential proceedings" are here and now suspended and will not be heard until at least April 6, 2020.
2. "Essential proceedings" are not suspended. ("Essential proceedings" include: criminal magistration proceedings, CPS removal hearings, temporary restraining orders / temporary injunctions, juvenile detention hearings, family violence protective orders, and certain mental health proceedings.
3. Any and all persons who are to appear before the 91st Judicial District Court who have COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, a fever, or who are coughing or sneezing, are **ordered** to contact the court at the telephone number below before appearing.
4. All attorneys who know that clients, witnesses, or others have such a condition are **ordered** to alert the court that such conditions exist in advance. When these conditions are present, the court will make reasonable accommodations and reschedule appearances and hearings as needed.
5. This Order is effective March 16, 2020, and expires April 6, 2020, unless extended by the undersigned.
6. The Clerk of the 91st Judicial District Court is directed to:

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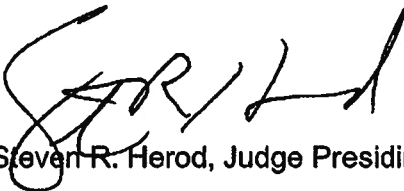
Tessa K. Culverhouse, DISTRICT CLERK
By DC Deputy

- o Notify the Office of Court Administration by email at court closures@txcourts.gov with information about the closure or fill out the webform with information about the closure.
- o Send a copy of this Order to the attorneys and self-represented litigants with cases scheduled on this court's docket affected by this Order.

7. If you need to contact the 91st Judicial District Court because you have symptoms or if you have questions about the scheduling of a case you can contact the Court Coordinator:

- By telephone at (254) 629-1797 or
- By email to 91court@eastlandcountytexas.com.

Dated: March 16, 2020.



Steven R. Herod, Judge Presiding