



FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISHES OF: ACADIA, LAFAYETTE, VERMILION

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**15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S EXTENSION OF PHASE ONE AND  
ADOPTION OF PHASE TWO MODIFICATIONS OF EMERGENCY ORDER  
RELATIVE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
PARISHES OF ACADIA, LAFAYETTE AND VERMILION**

In light of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the state of emergency declaration issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 13, 2020, the additional measures contained in his Proclamation JBE 2020-30 issued on March 16, 2020, his Order allowing re-opening pursuant to Phase One guidelines and his Proclamation 74JBE2020 issued on June 4, 2020; the Orders of the Louisiana Supreme Court of April 6, 2020, April 22, 2020 and April 29, 2020; the emergency declarations issued by Lafayette Mayor President Josh Guillory; the Fifteenth Judicial District Court issues the following modifications to its Order relative to re-opening pursuant to Phase One, and issues the following Order for the Parishes of Acadia, Vermilion and Lafayette:

ALL PROVISIONS OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S PHASE ONE EMERGENCY ORDER REMAIN IN EFFECT EXCEPT PROVISIONS (6) AND (12) THEREOF WHICH ARE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:


- 6) All matters taken up in person will be done in a fashion so as to limit the number of people in a courtroom or hallway to 50% capacity and to allow for moderate social distancing between people. Courtrooms and hallways are marked to indicate where seating is allowed.
- 12) All criminal court dates remain in effect. ALL PERSONS SUMMONED FOR CRIMINAL COURT ARE TO APPEAR AS SCHEDULED. BENCH WARRANTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR UNEXCUSED FAILURES TO APPEAR.

PROVISION (14) IS ALSO HEREBY ADOPTED:

- 14) Anyone who has missed a criminal court date (misdemeanor, felony, traffic, arraignment, revocation hearing or rule) between March 20, 2020 and May 15, 2020 has until June 15, 2020 to appear at the clerk of court's office for service of a new court date.

This Order shall be effective beginning at 12:01 AM on June 5, 2020 and shall remain in effect until further orders are issued.

Issued on June 5, 2020 at Lafayette, Louisiana.

  
MARILYN C. CASTLE  
Chief Judge, 15TH Judicial District Court