

March 15th through May 8th, 2020

21st Judicial District Court
Bastrop, Burleson, Lee & Washington Counties

Court Proceedings per Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal
Appeals Emergency Order concerting COVID-19

This Courts interrupts the Emergency Order as follows:

1. Judges may proceed or not proceed with regularly scheduled court open to public court;
2. Parties may attend or not attend open to public court proceedings and court may allow parties to attend by telephone; parties includes witnesses, court personnel, attorneys, clerks, assistant clerks, coordinators, court reporters—it does not include law enforcement officers necessary for security of court;
3. The above are subject to constitutional limitations and in county of proper venue.

For compliance with the above, this Court will proceed as follows:

4. Jury Trials: Jury Trials will continue as scheduled unless the Court announces the trial is cancelled by 2:00 p.m. the Thursday before the trial week.
5. The Court will proceed with its scheduled open to public court dates; hearings will be held in person or by telephone or a combination of both:

If attending by telephone, the attorney is responsible to arrange the telephone transmission.

Joint Motions to Continue for settings prior to April 17th, 2020, will be granted by the Court and reset as follows:

Bastrop County: April 22, 2020
Burleson County: April 20, 2020
Lee County: April 21, 2020
Washington County: April 23, 2020.

Attorneys will deliver to Judge, paper copies of the pleadings to be heard (if Clerk does not attend)

Attorneys will deliver to Judge the sworn written testimony on paper of their witnesses testifying by telephone, and testimony in Court if court reporter is not in attendance;

Habeas Corpus hearings, the Person alleging to deprived of his liberty must attend in person.

Persons subject to being taken into custody must attend hearing in person, if matter is not reset by agreement of attorneys.

Criminal defendants with a non-hearing court date may request a reset, to the dates above, by telephone, prior to court day,

Possession Orders: All possession orders shall continue to be subject to the applicable, previously published school calendar.

If the County Judge closes the Courthouse, all hearings and trials are cancelled during the shutdown.

Habeas Corpus and emergency matters will be handled as Judge directs in the event the courthouse is closed.

Signed this the 15th day of March 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carson Campbell", written over a circular stamp or seal.

CARSON CAMPBELL, Judge
21st Judicial District
State of Texas