

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-15

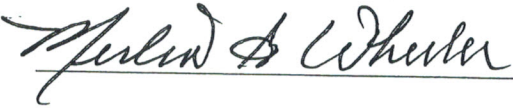
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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY and until further order of the Court, due to information released by various local, state and federal agencies monitoring the status of the COVID-19 virus, and the continuing development for concern as the efforts to contain the virus are released, the following Administrative Order is entered:

1. Staff in the 5th Judicial District Court Services and Community Corrections offices will remain available for contact by mail and/or telephone. Face to Face contact will be limited to the greatest extent possible and all CSO's and ISO's are authorized to conduct supervision by means other than face to face.
2. Intakes will still report to Court Services for initial contact which shall be conducted in a very brief manner. Persons otherwise directed to report to Court Services by the Court (for appointments, reports or assessments) will report by phone or mail after the brief initial intake.
3. Court Services and Community Corrections are authorized to limit DNA collection and drug/alcohol testing as necessary to carry out the intent of COVID-19 directives designed to avoid exposure to the virus.
4. All CSO/ISO contact with individuals at the detention centers is suspended until further notice unless deemed necessary by the Court or Directors of Court Services/Community Corrections.
5. Field visits may continue subject to protective restrictions adopted by the Director of Community Corrections. Programming (e.g. Cognitive-Behavioral or Fathering classes) if not suspended by the Director shall be conducted via phone conference.

6. Drug Court activities (including docket) will continue subject to changes adopted by the assigned Drug Court Judge.
7. Travel permits will not be issued by Court Services or Community Corrections pending further order. In the event of extreme emergency, requests should be directed to the respective Directors.
8. Out-of-state placement under the Interstate Compact is suspended until further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Merlin G. Wheeler, Chief Judge.