

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

President Judge Administrative Order

No. 47 of 2020

**In re: Common Pleas & Municipal Court Criminal Divisions.
Resumption of Court Proceedings. Updated Protocols**

ORDER

AND NOW, this 6th day of July, 2020 under Pa.R.J.A. No 1952 (B)(2), and the Judicial Emergency declared by the First Judicial District, and this Court's prior Order No. 33 of 2020 it is **ORDERED AND DECREED THAT:**

1. No criminal trials will take place in July 2020. However, as to Common Pleas cases previously scheduled in July 2020, each case will remain listed to be reviewed for status before the assigned Judge. As to Municipal Court, all criminal matters will remain scheduled for status hearings.

2. Counsel will be notified in advance regarding the status of hearings previously scheduled to Common Pleas Court on a date certain in July, 2020.

3. Counsel will be contacted before the date of the status listing and provided with instructions on how to participate remotely through Advanced Communication Technology. The Office of the District Attorney and the Defender Association must be available to participate.

4. Counsel are required to contact the courtroom prior to the date and time of their case to inform courtroom staff if they will be attending in person or through Advanced Communication Technology. Any counsel who chooses to appear in person, must maintain appropriate social distancing, wear protective face masks, and comply with all safety directives provided by courtroom staff. It is strongly recommended that counsel participate by Advanced Communication Technology rather than in person.

5. Consistent with this Court's prior Order, the Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice shall **REMAIN GENERALLY CLOSED** to the public. No witnesses or defendants will be permitted into the facility, unless specifically authorized by the Court. No defendants will be required to participate by video for these status hearings.

6. If you received a subpoena, summons and/or notice to appear at the Justice Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice for a Municipal Court criminal case through August 28, 2020, you are **NOT** required to appear.

7. Defendants should contact their attorney or the FJD at (215) 686-7000 if they have questions concerning their court date. If you are a victim on a criminal case, please contact the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Idee C. Fox

**Idee C. Fox
Chair, Administrative Governing Board
First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
President Judge, Court of Common Pleas
Philadelphia County**