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AMENDED ORDER REGARDING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY MEASURES

The Dunn County Circuit Courts hereby issue the following guidelines related to operations during the COVID-19 health crisis. These guidelines are intended to protect the health and safety of all those involved in the court system while continuing to provide core services to the citizens of Dunn County.

The World Health Organization declared a global pandemic of COVID-19 due to widespread human infection worldwide. Governor Tony Evers issued Executive Order 72 on March 13, 2020, which declared the COVID-19 Coronavirus a public health emergency in Wisconsin. The Dunn County Courts are monitoring this evolving situation and are committed to ensuring the continuous performance of the Courts' essential functions and operations while seeking to mitigate the risk to litigants, judges, court staff, court security, attorneys, jurors, and all other persons in court facilities.

Effective March 23, 2020 the Dunn County Judicial Center will be restricted to the public.

Cases before the judges and circuit court commissioner will proceed as currently scheduled unless otherwise provided for in this Order or as notified by the Court.

1. All jury trials that are scheduled from March 17, 2020 – May 31, 2020, will be rescheduled to a date after June 1, 2020.
2. All traffic and forfeiture hearings scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings from March 19, 2020 – May 31, 2020, will be rescheduled to a date after June 1, 2020.
3. The Courts require hearings be held via telephone and/or by video conferencing as appropriate. Parties should contact the Clerk of Courts' office at (715) 232-2611 to provide contact information. Limited personal attendance at hearings may occur as the need arises.
4. Public access to hearings is limited. Individuals that are allowed to enter the Judicial Center will be required to use social distancing practices.
5. Each judge has discretion to deviate from these guidelines as deemed appropriate.

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**DUNN COUNTY
CLERK OF COURT**

This order shall remain in effect until rescinded or amended.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2020.



Hon. James M. Peterson
Circuit Court Judge, Branch I
Dunn County, Wisconsin



Hon. Rod W. Smeltzer
Circuit Court Judge, Branch II
Dunn County, Wisconsin