



COLLIN COUNTY, COUNTY COURTS AT LAW JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

The Collin County, County Courts at Law recognize the unease about a potential outbreak of COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus). The health and safety of employees, attorneys, litigants, and the public remain our utmost concern. The county courts are committed to doing their part to address these anxieties in the following manner:

1. If a Person is Sick

Everyone who is sick or who thinks they have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact the court to reschedule their hearings or trials.

2. Non-Essential Court Matters are Rescheduled

All non-essential court functions, in-person appearances, hearings and trials will be rescheduled during the time this order is in effect. However essential court matters will proceed.

Essential Matters Defined

- a. Any suits or hearings with jurisdictional or statutory deadlines
- b. Jury trials and dispositive hearings for incarcerated defendants
- c. Writs of habeas corpus
- d. Any dispositive hearing where a defendant has requested a speedy trial or speedy disposition.
- e. Any time-sensitive hearing required to be heard by an appellate court
- f. Defendant who are both free on bond and represented by counsel need not appear for any announcement settings. Defendants without counsel should contact the court administrator or bailiff of the particular court where their case is pending to reschedule their court date.
- g. If you have additional matters you deem essential, please contact the particular court where your case is pending to determine how the issue will be handled.

3. No Jury Trials Except in Essential Matters

The county courts at law will not be calling jury trials, except for essential matters, during the time this order is in effect.

4. Uncontested Matters by Submission Only

Beginning immediately, no uncontested matters will be heard. All agreed orders and matters that can be heard by submission should be electronically filed.

5. Electronic Appearances

Courts are developing a plan for electronic appearances which will be rolled out as soon as possible. Many courts already use CourtCall – contact your court for further information.

6. Contact the Courts

Look on your court's website for up-to-date contact information. If you have any questions, please email the court coordinator.

Collin County, County Courts at Law –

County Court at Law One:

https://www.collincountytx.gov/county_court_law/ccl1/Pages/default.aspx

County Court at Law Two:

https://www.collincountytx.gov/county_court_law/ccl2/Pages/default.aspx

County Court at Law Three:

https://www.collincountytx.gov/county_court_law/ccl3/Pages/default.aspx

County Court at Law Four:

https://www.collincountytx.gov/county_court_law/ccl4/Pages/default.aspx

County Court at Law Five:

https://www.collincountytx.gov/county_court_law/ccl5/Pages/default.aspx

County Court at Law Six:

https://www.collincountytx.gov/county_court_law/ccl6/Pages/default.aspx

County Court at Law Seven:

https://www.collincountytx.gov/county_court_law/ccl7/Pages/default.aspx

Collin County, County Clerk-

https://www.collincountytx.gov/county_clerk/Pages/default.aspx

SIGNED on 3/13/2020.

/s/ Corinne Mason

By Honorable Corinne Mason
Local Administrative County Judge
County Court at Law Number One

On behalf of:

County Court at Law Number Two
Honorable Barnett Walker

County Court at Law Number Three
Honorable Lance Baxter

Collin Court at Law Number Four
Honorable David Rippel

County Court at Law Number Five
Honorable Danny Wilson

County Court at Law Number Six
Honorable Jay Bender

County Court at Law Number Seven
Honorable David Waddill