

MINDEN CITY COURT, WARD ONE
EMERGENCY PARTIAL COURT CLOSURE
ORDER

In accordance with the inherent power of this Court, considering the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards' declaration of a State public health emergency, and President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020, and after receiving guidance from the Louisiana Supreme Court, and in consideration of public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and in order to slow and reduce the spread of the disease while balancing the need to maintain access to Louisiana courts,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the prior order effective until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 10, 2020 shall remain in effect and be extended until 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 5th, and as such:

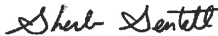
- (1) All civil trials, civil hearings and civil court appearances set before May 5th, 2020 are hereby continued to a date to be reset by this Court;
- (2) All criminal trials, criminal hearings and criminal court appearances are hereby continued, to be reset by order or notice from this Court, with the exception of initial appearances, arraignments for incarcerated persons, and bond hearings;
- (3) All juvenile and drug court matters are hereby continued with the exception of continued custody hearings for juveniles who have been arrested and are being held in a juvenile detention center;
- (4) This order does not affect the ability to consider civil, criminal, or juvenile matters that can be resolved without a hearing or as otherwise agreed.

The Minden City Court Clerk's Office will be closed to the public for face to face contact, but the staff will work a modified work schedule so that administrative matters and filings can still be received and processed by mail. The public may continue to utilize Court services and file civil proceedings by mail in accordance with this Order. The Court will follow and adapt to public health guidelines and protocols, which may change frequently, so please be patient and understand that the Court procedures and protocols may change from week to week based on the risk assessment as well as changing guidelines and protocols.

All community service requirements involving face to face in-person contact or litter abatement services are hereby suspended for the effective dates of this Order.

This Order remains in effect until 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, or until further orders of this Court.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, this 9th day of April, 2020.



Hon. C. Sherburne Sentell, III
Judge, Minden City Court, Ward One