


TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDER

The Trempealeau County Circuit Court is issuing this Order in response to the COVID-19 health crisis. On March 13, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency in Wisconsin. The court will continue to monitor this situation and will remain committed to protecting the health and safety of anyone participating in the legal process while continuing to maintain an open, public and efficient court system. This Order shall be in effect from March 18, 2020 until May 15, 2020, or until further Order of the Court.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

- A. All cases currently scheduled will remain on the court's calendar if parties agree to some form of non-personal appearance **AND** the court approved of the manner of the non-personal appearance at least 24 hours in advance. For court approval, please call 715-538-1813.
- B. In cases where parties do not agree to a non-personal appearance the matter shall be rescheduled to a date after May 15, 2020,
UNLESS the scheduled matter is statutorily or legally required to be held prior to May 15, 2020. Such cases shall remain on the court's calendar. The parties need to contact the court at 715-538-1813 to verify the personal appearance at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled event.
- C. All criminal matters including preliminary hearings, plea and sentencing hearings are encouraged to be conducted by telephonic or video means, if the defendant consents.
- D. All appearances before the Family Court Commissioner shall be held telephonically. If a party requests a personal appearance, the matter will be rescheduled to a date after May 15, 2020.
- E. Treatment Court participants shall appear as scheduled by telephone. The existing testing procedure shall be followed without interruption.

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin this 18th day of March, 2020.



Rian W. Radtke
Circuit Court Judge