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## **RE: ALL COURT PROCEEDINGS**

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with updated Federal and State guidelines, the 220<sup>th</sup> District Court will extend the suspension of in-person court hearings to **June 1, 2020**.

All essential proceedings will be conducted remotely unless a remote hearing is not possible or feasible. Essential proceedings include, but are not limited to: criminal magistration proceedings, CPS removal hearings, temporary restraining orders/injunctions, juvenile detention hearing, family violence protective orders, certain mental health proceedings, and/or certain motions to proceed/revoke. If an essential proceeding must be held in person, the following rules apply:

- 1. No more than 10 persons will be in the courtroom or in areas around the courtroom;
- 2. All participants must wear face coverings;
- 3. All participants must be separated consistent with social distancing and other precautions; and
- 4. All evidence is to be submitted in accordance with the Court's rules for remote hearings.

No in-person hearings for non-essential matters will be approved.

For up-to-date information regarding the 220<sup>th</sup> District Court, visit our website at <u>www.co.hamilton.tx.us/page/hamilton.220</u> or Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/220thDistrictCourt/</u>. You can also find county specific information at: <u>www.bosquecounty.us</u>, <u>www.co.comanche.tx.us</u>, and <u>www.co.hamilton.tx.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Shaun Carpenter 220<sup>th</sup> District Judge