

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
HAMILTON, MERRICK, NANCE, BOONE AND POLK COUNTIES
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The Court, in response to the public health emergency, implements the following procedures for the District Courts set forth above.

1. All civil hearing that do not require evidence will be heard telephonically.
2. Any currently scheduled civil hearing that does not require the offering of evidence should be re-scheduled for teleconference by contacting the Clerk of the District Court, or Julie Bellis.
3. For all civil motions held in Court, only counsel shall appear. Counsel shall advise parties that they are not to attend motion hearings. Parties shall only be present in the courtroom if they are a self-represented litigant.
4. For criminal cases, we encourage the use of waivers for arraignments.
5. For protection orders, only the parties may be present in court. Necessary witnesses will remain in the hall until summoned for testimony.
6. No spectators shall be allowed in the courtroom. Only parties, counsel, and named witnesses may be present during court proceedings. Expanded news media coverage will be allowed as per court rule. However, the court may limit the number of news media personnel for good cause.
7. Litigants will remain in lobby area, outside the courtroom doors, until the case is called. Litigants shall exit the courtroom immediately upon conclusion of their hearing and exit the courthouse.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



DISTRICT JUDGE