

STATE DISTRICT COURTS OF

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WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

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EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19  
STATE OF DISASTER

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To all attorneys and parties with pending cases at the State District Courts of Webb County:

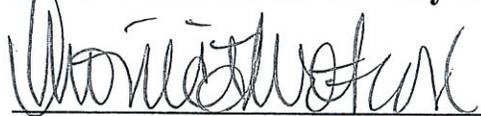
**In conjunction with recent global events regarding the spread of the Coronavirus, the March 13, 2020 Emergency COVID-19 orders from the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, guidance from the Office of Court Administration and directives from the Webb County Board of District Court Judges, the following will be in place for a minimum of 60 days from the date of this order, with a potential extension for an additional period:**

1. Any party or attorney appearing in court shall notify the court of any symptoms such as fever, cough, or other flu like symptoms. Additionally, any party or attorney at risk of either spreading Coronavirus because of exposure or becoming seriously ill due to underlying medical issues if exposed to the virus should notify the court. These persons and any others who request will be allowed to appear telephonically or by video conferencing as arranged through the court telephone systems and or other systems which may be available to the court and party.
2. All out of town counsel may attend regular dockets and/or pre-trials by telephone call or other means and with coordination of each court and approval of the judge. Please consult with each court's coordinator as each may have different system preferences.

3. All district courts will immediately modify their dockets as is deemed reasonable by each district court, giving priority to incarcerated individuals. This means that previously calendared court settings may be moved in order to keep courtrooms at less than 50 total persons.
4. All jury trials set for March and April, 2020 will be moved to later dates. The attorneys shall coordinate with each court for settings within 30 days from the date of this order. All deadlines and procedures, whether prescribed by statute, rule, or order, are suspended for a period ending no later than 30 days after the Governor's state of disaster has been lifted.
5. Parties and counsel are encouraged to work outside of the courtroom. This means that they should confer on contested motions, work together via Rule 11 agreements, enter into plea agreements and mediate out of court so as to limit physical time in the courtrooms.
6. If live court appearances are made, attorneys are encouraged to keep 6 feet from each other and must do so with the judges and court staff.

**The State District Courts for Webb County ask for everyone's cooperation during this State of Disaster and National emergency. Your well-being, as well as the safety of our staff and court personnel, must be a priority. Social responsibility by the District Courts will be taken seriously as will our continued commitment to justice.**

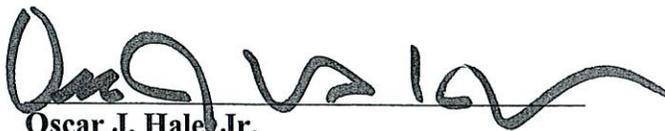
**EXECUTED on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020**



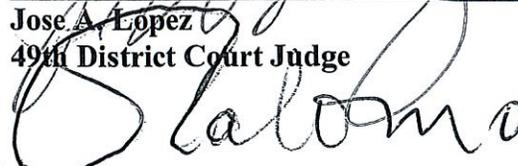
**Monica Notzon, District Court Admin. Judge  
111th District Court Judge**



**Jose A. Lopez  
49th District Court Judge**



**Oscar J. Haley Jr.  
406th District Court Judge**



**Beckie Palomo  
341<sup>st</sup> District Court Judge**