

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
FOR THE BEST INTEREST  
AND PROTECTION OF

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COUNTY COURT AT

LAW NUMBER 4

PROCEEDINGS FILED UNDER  
THE TEXAS HEALTH & SAFETY  
CODE

CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

**TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER MODIFYING COURT  
PROCEEDINGS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY**


On March 16, 2020 the Mental Health Illness Court, pursuant to directives of the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Office of Court Administration, and Cameron County Judge, is restricting operations to essential functions until April 1, 2020 out of an abundance of caution to reduce the number of gatherings in close quarters due to the COVID-19 virus. The Court finds it is in the best interest of public safety to implement this Temporary Administrative Order Modifying Court Proceedings in Response to COVID-19 for the well-being of attorneys, patients, the court staff and clerk staff.

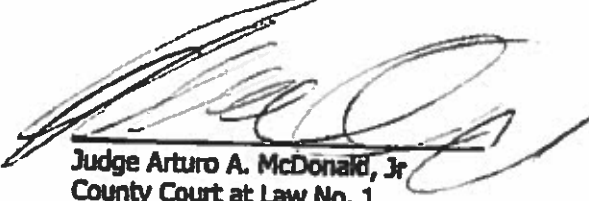
The Modifications are as follows:

1. Temporarily suspend all jury trials and transport of patients to all hearings, including trials before the court and Jury Trials;
2. Hearings will be via tele-conference in Open Court at Cameron County Court at Law No. 4 as scheduled on Mondays and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. The name and phone number of all witnesses must be provided at the time of initiating the hearing request by each party.
3. The Court authorizes fax transmission of hearing paperwork, including but not limited to Orders, Dismissals, Certificates of Medical Examination and Exhibits to and from the hospitals, courts and attorneys. All paperwork must be submitted by the day and time as originally scheduled by the court.
4. On its own Motion, the Court will approve or deny each Order for Protective Custody until further ordered by the Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the Temporary Administrative Order Modifying Court Proceedings in Response to COVID-19 Emergency is effective until further orders of this court.


SIGNED and ENTERED this 27th day of March, 2020.

  
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Judge Sheila Garcia Bence  
County Court at Law No. 4

  
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Judge Arturo A. McDonald, Jr.  
County Court at Law No. 1




Judge Laura L. Betancourt  
County Court at Law No. 2



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Judge David Gonzales III  
County Court at Law No. 3



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Judge Estela Chavez Vasquez  
County Court at Law No. 5

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