

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: TEMPORARY SUPENSION OF JURY TRIALS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 17-2020

AND NOW, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that jury trials in the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District are temporarily suspended.<sup>1</sup>

BY THE COURT:

  
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JOHN L. HALL

P.J.

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<sup>1</sup> In a further effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 infection throughout the Commonwealth, on December 10, 2020 Governor Wolf issued a limited-time mitigation order, effective on December 12, 2020, and remaining in effect until 8:00 a.m. on January 4, 2021, limiting indoor gatherings to 10 persons. Currently, no jury trials are scheduled to occur in the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District until January 4, 2021. However, it is anticipated that COVID-19 infections will increase as a result of holiday activities and family gatherings at the end of December, 2020, and that the indoor gathering limit of 10 persons will be extended beyond January 4, 2021. Consequently, in addition to other recently undertaken measures to mitigate COVID-19 infection within the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, jury trials will be suspended until further administrative order.

Any postponement of a criminal case caused by this administrative order requirement shall be considered a court postponement and constitute excludable time for the purpose of Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 600.

Because this temporary suspension may end by the date when a trial is currently listed to begin, parties scheduled to conduct jury trials in the future should continue to prepare for trial.