## NAVARRO COUNTY



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March 19, 2020

RE: COVID-19 ORDER #6 (ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING OPERATIONS)

Dear Counsel and Litigants:

Please find attached the above-referenced order. This order is entered today but effective at 5:00 PM March 20, 2020. This partial closure of the Court has been reported to the Office of Court Administration and can be found on their website. The Court orders that this letter and attached order be posted at the Navarro County Courthouse, the Navarro County website, and sent to all parties and counsel.

Respectfully,

James Lagomarsino District Judge

IN RE: COVID-19	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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	§	NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS
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	§	13 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## COVID-19 ORDER #6 (ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING OPERATIONS)

Based on the First Emergency Order Regarding The COVID-19 State of Disaster issued by the Supreme Court of Texas (Misc. Docket No. 20-9042), the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas (Misc. Docket No. 20-007), recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of Court Administration, the March 18, 2020 Navarro County Disaster Declaration, and pursuant to the inherent powers of this Court, this Administrative Order is promulgated to protect the parties, attorneys, witnesses, staff, the community, and all others who come before this Court.

IT IS ORDERED that the 13<sup>th</sup> District Court will provide essential functions and hearings only beginning March 20, 2020 at 5:00 PM and until further order of the Court. This Administrative Order includes the suspension of all jury trials through April 10, 2020. (See also COVID-19 Order #1 and COVID-19 Supplemental Order #1).

Essential functions include criminal magistration proceedings, search warrants, agreed pleas on pending criminal cases and/or revocations; CPS removal hearings, temporary restraining orders/temporary injunctions, juvenile detention hearings and family violence protective orders.

IT IS ORDERED that these hearings will be conducted remotely by any method available to the Court and the parties including but not limited to telephone and/or video conferencing.

IT IS ORDERED that attorneys use their best judgment in determining which hearings are emergency hearings and to work with the Court in making that determination. Prior to any setting, attorneys are ordered to follow Miscellaneous Standing Order #1 in all cases. Furthermore, the attorneys are ordered to respond within 12 business hours to opposing counsel.

IT IS ORDERED that attorneys and self-represented litigants are to contact the Court through its Court Coordinator via email to pass or reset hearings as needed. Attorneys and self-represented litigants are also ORDERED to contact the Court through its Court Coordinator via email if they (or their client) are ill or experiencing symptoms. (See COVID-19 Order #2).

IT IS ORDERED that this order be posted at the Navarro County Courthouse, the Navarro County website, and sent to all parties and counsel.

Ordered the 19th day of March 2020 at 11:45 AM

James Lagomarsino District Judge