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INTERMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

Public Safety Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak pursuant to the measures recommended by the Center for Disease Control and the Arkansas Department of Health

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

Greene County District Court will continue to operate its essential court functions. However, all cases (both Criminal and Civil) scheduled in Greene County District Court shall be continued effective Monday March 16th, 2020 pursuant to the schedule set forth at the end of this Press Release. Please consult the schedule, **before** calling the Court Clerk as the Clerk's Office is anticipating a high number of phone calls during this temporary court shutdown.

The Jail Docket for in-custody inmates at the Greene County Jail will continue to be held on Mondays and Thursdays (and more often if necessary) via Video Conference, but the courtroom will be will open **ONLY** to essential court personnel. If you have loved ones or friends who are in custody, you can contact the Court Clerk's Office to find out the bond amount, or the sentence imposed on misdemeanor offenses for your loved ones, Monday Afternoons and Thursday Afternoons after 3:30 p.m. You can also contact the Greene County Jail after 3:30 p.m. as well.

Unless the County Judge closes down the Courthouse, the District Court Clerks office will remain open during this shutdown period between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. In order to avoid long lines and the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus, we strongly encourage those who have previously been ordered to make payments to the Court to do so either online at: www.myfinepayment.com or by mailing your cashier's check or money order to the Clerk's office at the address set forth above.

If your Court appearance is for minor traffic violations with no accidents involved, you may post a bond in lieu of appearing in court at all by paying your traffic citation online at: www.myfinepayment.com or by mailing your cashier's check or money order to the

Clerk's office at the address set forth above. Please do not send checks or cash in the mail.

RESCHEDULING OF CASES SET DURING THIS TEMPORARY CLOSURE:

ORIGINAL DATE	NEW CONTINUED DATE
MARCH 19, 2020	JUNE 11, 2020 9:30 AM
MARCH 23, 2020	JUNE 1, 2020 1:30 PM
MARCH 26, 2020	MAY 28, 2020 9:30 AM
MARCH 30, 2020	JUNE 8, 2020 1:30 PM
APRIL 1, 2020	JUNE 3, 2020 1:30 PM
APRIL 2, 2020	APRIL 16, 2020 9:30 PM
APRIL 6, 2020	APRIL 20, 2020 1:30 PM
APRIL 8, 2020	JUNE 10, 2020 1:30 PM
APRIL 9, 2020	APRIL 23, 2020 9:30 AM
APRIL 13, 2020	APRIL 27, 2020 1:30 PM

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ORIGINAL DATE	NEW CONTINUED DATE
MARCH 25, 2020	MAY 27, 2020 9:30 AM
APRIL 29, 2020	MAY 27, 2020 9:30 AM

CIVIL/SMALL CLAIMS

ORIGINAL DATE	NEW CONTINUED DATE
MARCH 25, 2020	MAY 27, 2020 1:30 PM
APRIL 29, 2020	MAY 27, 2020 1:30 PM

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this public health crisis. We also apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. Please understand that your safety is our top priority.

Please stay in touch with updates as there could be additional changes. We will be updating this Facebook page and issuing new Press Releases should any changes occur.