

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MIDDLE DISTRICT

In re: 56th Judicial District - Declaration :
of Judicial Emergency : NO. 55 MM 2020

CARBON COUNTY
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
56th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In re: 56th Judicial District - Declaration :
of Judicial Emergency : NO. CP-13-AD-002-2020 Clerk of Courts
: 20-0575 Prothonotary
: 20-9103 Register of Wills/Orphans Court

THIRTEENTH AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6-2020

AND NOW, this 29th day of June, 2021, this court having previously declared and extended a COVID-19 related judicial emergency in the 56th Judicial District through a series of orders pursuant to the authority granted in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's *per curiam* Order of May 27, 2020, and in accordance with the exercise of emergency powers under Rule of Judicial Administration 1952(B)(2), with our most recent order being that dated June 4, 2021, in which the judicial emergency was extended through and including June 28, 2021; the Pennsylvania Supreme Court by *per curiam* Order dated June 21, 2021, having ordered that effective July 6, 2021, operation of the Unified Judicial System shall return to pre-pandemic status; and the Court having further determined that due to the widespread availability of vaccination against COVID-19, the high percentage of adult residents within this Commonwealth who have already received at least one vaccination shot, and the low number of new cases being reported in Carbon County, there is no need to extend the judicial emergency in the 56th Judicial District beyond June 28, 2021,

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It is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that with the expiration of our Twelfth Amended Administrative Order No.6-2020 at the end of the day on June 28, 2021, the COVID-19 related judicial emergency in the 56th Judicial District is terminated and that, effective immediately, normal court operations within the 56th Judicial District shall resume.

In accordance with the foregoing, it is FURTHER ORDERED and DECREED that in those criminal matters in which the defendant's in-person appearance is constitutionally or otherwise required – absent a knowing, voluntary and intelligent waiver of such right - counsel and the parties make the necessary arrangements to have the defendant in court, as was the case pre-COVID-19, including, as appropriate, the issuance of writs to have the defendant transported from the Carbon County Prison, out-of-county prisons, and state correctional institutions.

Nothing in this Order is intended to affect the presiding judge's authority and ability to require masks or social distancing in order to promote safety and/or efficient operations if deemed appropriate.

Notice

Within 24 hours, the District Court Administrator shall ensure that a copy of this order is:

- a. Filed with the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in the Middle District Office;
- b. Transmitted to the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania;
- c. Posted conspicuously on the entry doors of the Carbon County Courthouse, at 76 Susquehanna Street in Jim Thorpe, and all Magisterial District Courts of the 56th Judicial District;

- d. Posted on this Court's website; and
- e. Transmitted to the Carbon County Bar Association with the request that the Association promptly forward a copy to all members.

Effective Date

This order is effective as of June 29, 2021 at 12:01 A.M.

BY THE COURT:



Roger N. Nanovic, P.J.