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**CALDWELL COUNTY  
OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION  
22<sup>ND</sup>, 207<sup>TH</sup>, 421ST  
JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Pursuant to the Texas Supreme Court (Order 20-9042) and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (Order 20-007) and by recommendation from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Presiding Judge and the Texas Office of Court Administration, all jury trials are cancelled through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Additionally, all non-jury dockets are cancelled through April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Essential hearings will be conducted. Essential hearings are criminal matters such as magistration, writs of habeas corpus, civil matters such as mental health commitments, juvenile detentions, emergency CPS removals, family violence protective orders, temporary restraining orders, habeas corpus proceedings arising under the Texas Family Code and any other matter that may be deemed an essential matter by the Court.

If there is a plea ready, a non-contested hearing or if all parties agree to a hearing please call the court to get a court date. Video conferencing is currently being evaluated for use in the courtrooms to conduct hearings by this method.

Please do not come to the courthouse without calling the court for any District Court matter. Attorneys and parties are expected to recognize the emergency and public health nature of this situation and to cooperate in presenting to the Courts only those matters that must be resolved immediately and that are fully ready to be resolved. The Courts strongly recommend to all litigants to take this time to work a solution to your cases.

IF ANYBODY IS HAVING SYMPTOMS SIMILAR TO COVID-19, RECENTLY TRAVELLED INTERNATIONALLY OR OUT OF STATE, OR HAS COME IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS TRAVELLED OR IS SICK, DO NOT COME TO COURT. CONTACT THE COURT AND THE COURT WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY SCHEDULING CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE.

Pending future public health developments, the District Courts will resume normal operations April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for non-jury dockets and June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 for jury trials.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at:  
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