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Pursuant to the Orders of The Supreme Court of Texas (Misc. Docket No. 20-9042 & No. 20-9044) and The Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas (Misc. Docket No. 20-007 & No. 20-008) and by recommendation from the State Office of Court Administration (OCA), all Caldwell County Court At Law dockets are cancelled, except for Essential Hearings.

Jury Trial dockets are cancelled through May 31, 2020.

All non-jury dockets are cancelled through May 8, 2020.

All non-essential cases will be reset. Notice of Resets will be mailed, if you have not already been contacted by phone.

Through May 8, 2020, <u>the only in-person hearings</u> will be limited to Essential Proceedings. Essential Proceedings will include CPS removal hearings, temporary orders, juvenile detention hearings, family violence protective orders, emergency guardianships, writs of habeas corpus and mental health proceedings.

If there is a plea ready or an uncontested matter, including civil or probate cases, please call the Court Coordinator at (512) 359-4348 to get a court date. These uncontested hearings will be conducted via telephone or via video-conferencing. At this time, the Court has available "SKYPE" or "ZOOM" for video-conferences. All documents, including Proposed Orders, which require the Court's signature, shall be e-filed prior to the hearing and a courtesy copy should be emailed or faxed to the court at (512) 668-4962.

The Caldwell County Court at Law is open and working to serve the citizens of Caldwell County and all litigants. However, the health and safety of everyone, including our staff, is of the upmost concern. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation during this unprecedented time. Please do not come to the courthouse without calling the Court for any County Court At Law matter. The Court strongly recommends to all litigants to take this time to work a solution to your cases.

Please contact Anna Velasquez, the Court Coordinator at (512) 359-4348 if you have any questions or you may email her at anna.velasquez@co.caldwell.tx.us.

These dates may be extended based on recommendations of the OCA, CDC and by Order of the Supreme Court of Texas. Pending future public health developments, the County Court at Law will resume normal operations May 11, 2020 for non-jury dockets and June 1, 2020 for jury trials.