

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 01-2020

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
FOR THE BEST INTEREST
AND PROTECTION OF**

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PROBATE COURT NO. 3

IN AND FOR

**PROCEEDINGS FILED UNDER
THE TEXAS HEALTH & SAFETY
CODE**

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

**TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER MODIFYING COURT
PROCEEDINGS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

On March 16, 2020 the Mental Illness Court, pursuant to directives of the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Office of Court Administration, and Dallas County Judge, is restricting operations to essential functions until April 1, 2020 out of an abundance of caution to reduce the number of gatherings in close quarters due to the COVID-19 virus. The Court finds it is in the best interest of public safety to implement this Temporary Administrative Order Modifying Court Proceedings in Response to COVID-19 for the well-being of attorneys, patients, the court staff and clerk staff.

The Modifications are as follows:

1. Temporarily suspend all jury trials and transport of patients to all hearings, including trials before the court and Jury Trials
2. Hearings will be via phone conference in Open Court at Dallas County Probate Court No. 3 as scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 am. The name and phone number of all witnesses must be provided at the time of initiating the hearing request by each party.
3. The Court authorizes fax transmission of hearing paperwork, including but not limited to Orders, Dismissals, Certificates of Medical Examination and Exhibits to and from the hospitals, courts and attorneys. All paperwork must be submitted by the day and time as originally scheduled by the court.
4. On its own Motion, the Court will approve or deny each Order for Protective Custody until further ordered by the Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the Temporary Administrative Order Modifying Court Proceedings in Response to COVID-19 Emergency is effective until further orders of this court.

SIGNED and ENTERED the 16th day of March, 2020.



PRESIDING JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT NO. 3

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Emergency