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NUECES COUNTY COURTS JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

The Nueces County Courts recognize the concerns about the potential outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and safety of attorneys, clients, the public, and those who work in the courthouse and other county buildings remain a paramount concern. The Nueces County Courts are doing their part to address these concerns in order to prevent the potential spread of the virus.

ALL JURY TRIALS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2020 ARE CANCELLED. IF YOU HAVE BEEN SUMMONED FOR JURY DUTY, DO NOT APPEAR. ONLY ESSENTIAL COURT MATTERS WILL BE HEARD.

<u>Designation of Essential Court Matters</u>: Essential proceedings including, but not limited to, criminal magistration proceedings, CPS removal hearings, temporary restraining orders and/or temporary injunctions, juvenile detention hearings, family violence protective orders, and certain mental health proceedings, will proceed as usual, unless you have been notified otherwise by the Court in which the hearing is set.

The Courts encourage persons (clients, witnesses, attorneys or others set to appear) with COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, a fever, or who are coughing or sneezing, to contact the Nueces County Health District at 361.826.7200 and contact the court by telephone or email before appearing. The Courts will make reasonable accommodations (telephonic or CourtCall) or reschedule appearances and hearings as needed.

The Courts are aware of the Open Courts provision of the Constitution that generally requires that the public have access to proceedings and will make reasonable accommodations as necessary.

Signed the 13th of March, 2020.

Nanette Hasette

Local Administrative District Judge

Lisa Gonzales

Local Administrative County Court at Law Judge