

***IN THE 15<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL COURTS OF WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE***

IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

NO. ADM2020-00428

**ORDER SUSPENDING IN-PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS AND  
CLOSING COURTHOUSE TO PUBLIC**

Pursuant to Supreme Court Order ADM2020-00428, all in-person court proceedings are suspended through March 31, 2020; and subsequent direction of the Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto, all Wilson County courthouses are closed to the public, effective March 19, 2020, subject to the exceptions hereinbelow:

- Proceedings necessary to protect constitutional rights of criminal defendants, including bond-related matters and plea agreements for incarcerated individuals
- Civil and criminal jury trials that are in progress as of March 13, 2020
- Proceedings related to relief from abuse, including but not limited to orders of protection
- Proceedings related to emergency child custody orders
- Department of Children's Services emergency matters related to child protection
- Proceedings related to petitions for temporary injunctive relief
- Proceedings related to emergency mental health orders
- Proceedings related to emergency protection of elderly or vulnerable persons
- Proceedings directly related to COVID-19 public health emergency
- Other exceptions as approved by the Chief Justice.

The clerks' offices will remain open on a limited basis. Staff will be available via telephone and email. For contact information, please go to the Circuit Court Clerk's website at <https://wilsoncountycourts.com>

**THE ONLY PERSONS ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUILDING ARE ATTORNEYS, LITIGANTS, AND ESSENTIAL WITNESSES TO A PRE-SET HEARING EXCEPTED BY THE SUPREME COURT'S SUSPENSION AS OUTLINED ABOVE. WITNESSES MUST REMAIN IN THE HALLWAY AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE COURTROOM UNTIL CALLED TO TESTIFY.**

**ATTORNEYS:** The Courts will continue to undertake emergency *ex parte* matters as necessary. Please contact the Judges' offices directly to schedule an appointment.

ENTER this the 20 day of March, 2020.

  
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BRODY KANE, Criminal/Presiding Judge

Signed On Behalf Of:  
CIRCUIT JUDGE CLARA BYRD  
GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE HAYWOOD BARRY  
GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE BARRY TATUM  
GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE ENSLEY HAGAN