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**Tulsa County District Court Implementing Temporary Measures**

In an effort to help curb the potential spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Presiding District Judge William D. LaFortune approves the following temporary measures affecting the work of the Tulsa County District Court:

All Civil Division dockets will be suspended for the weeks of March 16 and March 23, 2020, with the exception of forcible entry and detainer matters, civil mental health matters, and emergency temporary restraining orders;

All Criminal Division dockets will continue to operate as scheduled;

All Family Division dockets will be suspended for the weeks of March 16 and March 23, 2020, with the exception of emergency custody hearings and the protective order docket;

All Juvenile Division docket matters will continue to operate as scheduled;

All Probate Division docket matters will be suspended for the weeks of March 16 and March 23, 2020, with the exception of emergency guardianship matters and other emergency hearings;

All cases which were set on the suspended dockets are hereby reset for the same day of the week, at the same time, exactly two (2) weeks later;

All Judges and judicial staff should go to work as normal;

Judges who preside over dockets that remain open should continue to use their discretion in granting continuances requested for reasons related to public health. Those Judges should be especially cognizant of persons who fall into the following categories:

- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with, coronavirus,
- Persons with apparent symptoms of coronavirus, such as fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath,
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, board of health, or other medical provider, or health agency, or who reside with anyone who has been asked to self-quarantine,
- Persons whom have travelled to the following countries within the last fourteen (14) days: China, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea.

“As Presiding Judge, I am requesting all attorneys and parties who may fall into any of these categories, and who have cases on the open dockets, to call the specific Judge’s chambers and request a new court date as necessary,” Judge LaFortune said.

For further information, contact the Court Administrator at 918-596-5400.