

SUMNER COUNTY JUVENILE COURT MEMORANDUM

TO: Sumner County Bar Association
FROM: Judge David R. Howard
DATE: March 16, 2020
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Rules

Effective immediately, and pursuant to the Order Suspending In-Person Court Proceedings issued by the Tennessee Supreme Court, the Sumner County Juvenile Court will adhere to the following schedules through at least March 31, 2020.

1. Access to the Juvenile Courthouse will be strictly limited to those persons having official business with either the Juvenile Court or the Juvenile Clerk. Courtroom access will be limited to the parties, witnesses and attorney. No spectators are allowed. No other children shall be brought to court.
2. With the exception of Detention Hearings, Orders of Protection, Emergency Child Custody proceedings, Temporary Restraining Orders and Emergency Dependency & Neglect proceedings filed by the Department of Children's Services (related to child protection), all other cases—including child support cases, and adjudicatory and/or dispositional hearings—will be reset.
3. Attorneys should contact this office to circulate potential reset dates.
4. Per the agreement of the Clerk's Office, attorneys shall be allowed to email pleadings and have said pleadings file-stamped. Deadlines set forth by court rules and statutes set to expire between March 13 and March 31 shall be extended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court through April 6, 2020.
5. Orders of Protection and Temporary Injunctions that would otherwise expire between March 13 and March 31 shall be extended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court through April 6, 2020.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and patience.



Judge David R. Howard