

FROM THE OFFICES OF

**JUDGE JAMES M. HUNTER AND JUDGE MIKE CARTER**

Sumner County General Sessions Court, 117 West Smith Street, Gallatin, TN 37066

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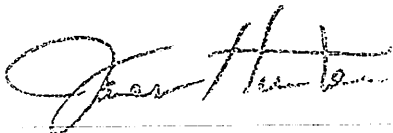
**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 13, 2020  
TO: Sumner County Bar Members & Attorneys practicing in General Sessions Court  
FROM: Judge James Hunter & Judge Mike Carter  
RE: COVID-19 Pandemic

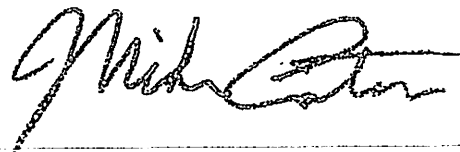
Pursuant to the Order Suspending In-Person Court Proceedings issued by the Tennessee Supreme Court, effective immediately, the General Sessions Court Divisions I and III will adhere to the following schedule beginning close of business March 13, 2020 through March 31, 2020:

1. Access to the Criminal Justice Building shall be limited to those persons having official business with the courts and the Clerk's office. Court access will be limited to parties, victims/witnesses, and attorneys. No spectators.
2. With the exception of bond hearings, criminal jail cases, and Order of Protection hearings, all other cases both criminal and civil will be reset.
3. All bond hearings will be heard via video monitoring only.
4. All jail cases will continue to be heard, including preliminary hearings.
  - a. To the attorneys who accept court appointed cases, we ask that you make yourself available to accept jail cases in the event of conflict with the Public Defender's Office.
  - b. To all attorneys representing clients in these preliminary hearings, please limit your witnesses and proof to that only necessary to establish or refute probable cause.
5. Order of Protection hearings will continue on Thursdays and if deemed necessary, other days of the week.

Please contact the General Sessions Court Clerk's Office for reset dates in both criminal and civil cases. Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and patience in this matter.



Judge James M. Hunter



Judge Mike Carter