

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

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IN THE MATTER OF IMPLEMENTING) PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER 20DR00000
CJO 20-047)
) ORDER RE: FAMILY AND PROBATE
) PROCEEDINGS

On November 13, 2020, the Governor announced a two-week “freeze” (four-weeks for Multnomah County) which imposes additional restrictions on Oregonians due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor issued Executive Order 20-065 on November 17 to implement that “freeze.”

On November 18, 2020, the Chief Justice issued Chief Justice Order No. 20-047 which imposes restrictions on court operations during the statewide “freeze”.

Accordingly, I hereby ORDER as follows:

All Family Law and Probate proceedings shall be held by remote means except as permitted below.

Any participant who wishes to appear in-person shall file a motion requesting in person appearance and shall state a reason why an exception should be made to the requirement of remote appearance. The Chief Family Law Judge will determine whether personal appearance will be allowed, unless the case is retained by another judge.

A party seeking to schedule a proceeding not allowed under this Order, may file a Motion, electronically, with notice to all parties, to have the matter heard and shall set forth the urgency and necessity of that matter being heard while these restrictions are in place. The motion shall be directed to the Chief Family Law Judge or her designee unless the case is retained by another judge.

Only the following proceedings shall be held under current restrictions, taking into account staff and judicial availability and the safety and health of all participants.

FAMILY LAW

1. Hearings on protective order applications, motions, renewals;
 - a. Protective Order applications will be heard daily at 1:15 by one of the two judges assigned to this docket while these restrictions are in effect.
2. Contested Restraining Order Hearings
 - a. Contested Restraining Order Hearings: While these restrictions are in effect, there will be two hearing dockets every day and two judges are available each day for these hearings. The Clerk’s Office will send out notices with the date, time, and call-in information for the hearing.

- b. Contested restraining order hearings which would ordinarily be on Trial Assignment because of the anticipated length of the hearings will continue to be set on the Trial Assignment docket.
3. Immediate Danger Motions and hearings
 - a. Immediate Danger Motions shall be heard by the judges who preside over restraining order applications on that same docket while these restrictions are in effect. There will be no separate ex parte docket. Contested hearings on ID orders will be heard by the judge who signs the ID order and will be set on that judge's docket. ID motions in retained cases shall be presented to that retained judge. Parties must schedule those hearings directly with the retained judge.
4. Applications for Orders of Assistance
 - a. Applications for Orders of Assistance shall be heard by the judges who preside over restraining order applications on that same docket while these restrictions are in effect.
5. Extreme Risk Protection Orders
6. In-custody VRO trials.
7. In-custody SED contempt trials.
8. Appeal of Administrative Support Orders.
9. Enforcement of Parenting Time Motions.
 - a. Enforcement of Parenting Time Motions will be heard, but a remedy of modification will not be heard.
10. Motions and Orders to Show Cause for Modification of Support may be filed. Hearing dates will not immediately be set.
11. Trial Assignment will be held. Hearings already set on the Trial Assignment for hearings previously allowed under Level 2 restrictions will be set-over at Trial Assignment.
12. Motions for Special Sets may be filed electronically and will be routed to the Chief Family Law Judge.
13. Stipulated Orders and Judgments may be submitted.
14. Adoptions will be processed and signed.
15. Motions and requests for appointment of counsel for minor children shall be directed to the Chief Family Law Judge or the retained judge, if there is one.

PROBATE

1. Temporary Guardianships and Conservatorships
2. Emergency Protection Orders.
3. Motions for Expedited hearing on Indefinite guardianships and conservatorships shall filed electronically, with notice to all parties. These motions will be decided by the Chief Probate Judge or his designee.

This order takes effect November 19, 2020 and shall remain in effect until amended or terminated by further order of this court.

DATED: November 18, 2020



Stephen K. Bushong
Presiding Judge
Multnomah County Circuit Court