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Re: Supplement to COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Tarrant  
County Judiciary

Dear Judge Evans:

Please accept the following as supplements to the COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Tarrant County Judiciary:

1. Paragraph 4 of the "General" section of the operating plan should be modified as follows:

Judges will begin setting non-essential in-person proceedings according to the provisions and restrictions in the operating plan no sooner than June 1, 2020.

2. It has come to my attention that plexiglass panels have not been installed in all of the courtrooms in Tarrant County.

Judges may proceed with in-person hearings prior to the installation of any plexiglass panels so long as they are compliant with the other requirements of the plan. In the event in-person trials or hearings are

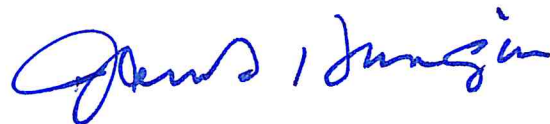
held prior to the installation of the plexiglass panels, judges will take all necessary precautions to protect the court reporter and the witness with appropriate social distancing and the use of face coverings as set forth in the plan. Facilities will install those panels as they become available.

3. Paragraph 2 of the section entitled "Face Coverings" on page 5 of the operating plan should be supplemented as follows:

Judges and court staff are required to wear face coverings while in the courtrooms during in-person proceedings. Judges may remove face coverings when, in the opinion of the judge, it is necessary when speaking for clarity. However, judges are not required to wear face coverings if they have medical conditions that might be exacerbated by the wearing of face coverings. Judges, in their sole discretion, may waive the wearing of face coverings by court staff or any participant in a trial or hearing upon the presentation of medical documentation indicating that the wearing of face coverings would be detrimental to their health.

I would appreciate your prompt consideration of these supplements. Please contact me would you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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