

**23rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, ASCENSION PARISH COURT
AND ASCENSION, ASSUMPTION AND ST. JAMES CLERKS OF COURT
EMERGENCY ORDER RELATIVE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
PARISHES OF ASCENSION, ASSUMPTION AND ST. JAMES**

ORDER

In light of the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency, the earlier orders of the Governor and recommendations of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the emergency declaration by Ascension Parish President Clint Cointment on March 13, 2020, the 23rd Judicial District Court and Ascension Parish Court issues the following Order for the Parishes of Ascension, Assumption and St. James:

In consideration of the Governor's updated proclamation to be issued May 14, 2020 which will remove the Stay at Home Order and begin Phase One of the reopening of the State of Louisiana,

The 23rd Judicial District Court and Ascension Parish Court along with the Ascension, Assumption and St. James Clerks of Court will resume normal business hours of 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday commencing May 18, 2020. The Court will continue to hear selected matters in criminal and civil cases via Zoom video and will begin hearing some with in-person appearances as determined by each judicial division. All jury trials will be postponed until at least June 30, 2020. If you have any questions concerning a case and/or court appearance contact the appropriate judge's office as follows: Judge Verdigets- Division A, Judge Turner – Division E, Judge Stromberg – Division C, Judge Lanoux – Parish Court and Hearing Officer Pat Douglas at (225)621-8500; Judge Kliebert – Division B at (225) 562-2280; or Judge St. Pierre (Ad Hoc) – Division D at (985) 369-8001.

May 12, 2020 at Gonzales, Louisiana.



Jason Verdigets, Chief Judge
23rd Judicial District Court



Erin Wiley Lanoux, Judge
Ascension Parish Court