

IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

**ORDER**

To protect the citizens of Madison County, Court staff and attorneys, the Judges of Madison County hereby Order the following restrictions and requirements of all individuals and parties appearing before the Courts. The limitations set forth below are designed to not only protect the citizens from any health concerns but also to protect the rights of our citizens' access to justice in a timely manner.

Any person who is ill or experiencing any respiratory issues or fever regardless of suspected coronavirus shall not attend any court hearing, trial or proceeding. These restrictions shall also apply to any individual traveling outside the Continental U.S., within the last 30 days regardless of symptoms. This Order applies to any such person whether attorney, party, witness, law enforcement, visitors, or probation officers.

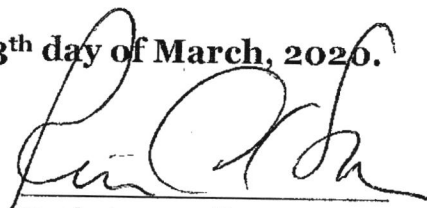
Represented parties shall immediately contact their attorney. Attorneys and unrepresented persons shall contact the appropriate judge via telephone or email to seek a continuance or further instructions. If you do not have contact information for the appropriate judge contact the court administrator's office at 256-532-3641 and kim.gray@alacourt.gov

Jury trials beginning March 23, 2020 are hereby suspended and will be rescheduled as the Court's calendar allows.

Traffic and Small Claims dockets beginning March 16, 2020 are hereby suspended and will be rescheduled as the Court's calendar allows.

This Order will remain in effect pending further Order of this Court.

**Done and ORDERED this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**



Ruth Ann Hall  
PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE

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**ORDER**

As a result of Governor Ivey's State of Emergency and the Alabama Supreme Court's Order it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows.

All Court dockets, hearings and proceedings are hereby suspended immediately subject to the exceptions below:

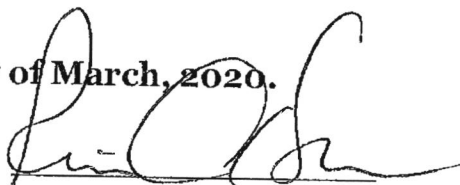
1. Proceedings necessary to protect the constitutional rights of criminal defendants.
2. Proceedings related to relief from abuse, including but not limited to orders of protection.
3. Proceedings related to emergency child custody orders.
4. Proceedings related to dependency, delinquency and matters related to child welfare and protection.
5. Proceedings related to emergency mental health orders.
6. Proceedings related to emergency protection of elderly or vulnerable persons.
7. Proceedings related to petitions for temporary injunctive relief

If you need to file an emergency petition you may contact the Courts at (256) 532-3390 and/or (256) 532-3575. **THESE NUMBERS ARE FOR EMERGENCY MATTERS ONLY.** A judge, warrant magistrate, court administrator and circuit clerk employee will be on duty daily.

All dockets will be rescheduled at a later date and notices will be provided by U.S. mail and/or Alacourt notification for attorneys. Parties should contact their attorney with any questions. This Order is intended to be interpreted broadly for the protection of the public from risks associated with COVID-19.

This Order will remain in effect pending further Order of this Court.

Done and ORDERED this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



Ruth Ann Hall  
PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE