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Chief Justice Beasley Extends Emergency Directives 2-6, 8, 18 and 22

On August 24, 2020, Chief Justice Beasley extended Emergency Directives 2-6, 8, and modified and extended Emergency Directives 18 and 22 in response to the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 outbreak. The Order expires September 22, 2020.

Emergency Directive 2

Clerks of superior court are required post a notice at the entrance to every court facility in their county directing that any person who has likely been exposed to COVID-19 should not enter the courthouse.

Emergency Directive 3

Hearings and other court proceedings can be conducted remotely using audio or video conferencing.

Emergency Directive 4

Courthouse access may be restricted to those who have business to conduct in the building.

Emergency Directive 5

Most notary requirements are waived.

Emergency Directive 6

Service required by Rule 5 may be made electronically on a party or a party's attorney.

Emergency Directive 8

Magistrates must continue to perform marriages, although hours may be restricted and appointments may be required.

Emergency Directive 18

Landlords must file an affidavit confirming compliance with the Federal CARES Act in any residential eviction for nonpayment.

Emergency Directive 22

Senior resident superior court judges are required to submit plans for the resumption of jury trials no later than September 30, 2020.

The 8-24-20 extensions can be found [here](#).

For local updates and information, visit the [county's pages or contact the courthouse](#).

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