

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

President Judge Administrative Order

No 35 of 2020

**In re: Common Pleas Criminal Division. Resumption of Court Proceedings.
Updated Protocols**

ORDER

AND NOW, this 21 day of May, 2020 consistent with the terms of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's order of April 28, 2020 (Nos. 531 and 532 Judicial Administration Docket), and this Court's prior Order No. 33 of 2020 it is **ORDERED AND DECREED THAT:**

1. No criminal trials or hearings will take place in June 2020. However, as to Common Pleas cases previously scheduled in June 2020, each case will remain listed to be reviewed solely for status before their assigned Judge.
2. Counsel will be contacted before the date of the status listing and provided with instructions on how to participate remotely through Advanced Communication Technology. The Office of the District Attorney and the Defender Association must be available to participate.
3. Counsel are required to contact the courtroom prior to the date and time of their case to inform courtroom staff if they will be attending in person or through Advanced Communication Technology. Any counsel who chooses to appear in person, must maintain appropriate social distancing, wear protective face masks, and comply with all safety directives provided by courtroom staff. It is strongly recommended that counsel participate by Advanced Communication Technology rather than in person.
4. Consistent with this Court's prior Order, the Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice shall **REMAIN GENERALLY CLOSED** to the public. No witnesses or defendants will be permitted into the facility, unless specifically authorized by the Court. No defendants will be required to participate by video for these status hearings.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Idee C. Fox

**Idee C. Fox, President Judge
Chair, Administrative Governing Board
First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
President Judge, Court of Common Pleas,
Philadelphia County**