

IN RE: COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS * IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
AND RE-OPENING PLAN (REVISED 7/20/2020) * FOR WORCESTER COUNTY
ORDER # 2020-4-1 * STATE OF MARYLAND

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2020, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland issued an Administrative Order on the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations which establishes a plan for gradually reopening the Courts and outlines operational directives to the courts across the state as the judicial branch continues to monitor the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-105, the County Administrative Judge is responsible for the administration of the circuit court, including supervision of the judges, officials, and employees of the court, implementation and enforcement of all administrative policies, rules, orders, and directives of the Court of Appeals, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the State Court Administrator, and the Circuit Administrative Judge of the judicial circuit, and performance of any other administrative duties necessary to the effective administration of the internal management of the court.

WHEREAS, the commencement of Phase II of the Judiciary’s resumption plan, this Court, on June 10, 2020, entered an order adopting “Start-Up Plan Following COVID-19 Emergency Restrictions”. The primary purpose of this order is to update the Court’s start-up plan for the commencement of Phase III on July 20, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned Administrative Judge of this Court, and consistent with the aforementioned Administrative Order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland; it is hereby

ORDERED, that effective July 20, 2020, the Circuit Court for Worcester County hereby adopts and incorporates herein the *Circuit Court for Worcester County Start-Up Plan Following COVID-19 Emergency Restrictions (Revised on 7/20/2020)*; and it is further

ORDERED, that a copy of this Order shall be disseminated to the members of the Bar Association of Worcester County; and it is further

ORDERED, that a copy of this Order shall be posted to the website maintained by this Court and to the website maintained by the Clerk of this Court.

Brian D. Shockley
Administrative Judge

DATE