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Administrative Judge

DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND
District Number 6

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IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

AMENDED ORDER ON INCARCERATED PERSONS

WHEREAS Pursuant to the Court of Appeals August 6, 2021, THIRD AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EXPANDING STATEWIDE JUDICIARY OPERATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY, the Judiciary remains in PHASE V of Operations but recognizes the increasing need for additional health measures; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the authority of the Court of Appeals, Maryland courts are permitted to provide services and conduct court proceedings remotely or in-person; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") has different guidelines for those who are in shared or congregate living situations such as the Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Inmates in the Department of Corrections are divided into categories of Non-Quarantined, Quarantined, and COVID-19 Positive persons; and

Pursuant to the authority found in Maryland Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code Ann., Section 1-607, and to ensure the administration, operation, and maintenance of District Six, it is this 9th day of August 2021,

ORDERED, that no inmate shall be transported to Court unless they are deemed to be in a non-quarantine status; and it is further

ORDERED, that all inmates who are deemed non-quarantined shall be transported to Court for all proceedings unless otherwise ordered; and it is further

ORDERED, a non-quarantined inmate may appear remotely if

1. The defense attorney files a motion with the court requesting a remote hearing;
2. The defense certifies that the case will be resolved at the court date in a manner short of trial (plea, nolle);
3. The State agrees that the defendant may appear remotely;
4. The motion is filed with the court on the Thursday of the week prior to the trial date; and
5. The motion is sent to the jail at DSD.InmateServicesManagement@montgomerycountymd.gov

and it is further

ORDERED, that the presumption will be that all inmates will be transported. Each week the Montgomery County Correctional Facility will send a list of inmates to the Court who are on restricted status and can not be transported. Counsel may contact the Court for this information; and it is further

ORDERED, that any inmate who cannot be transported shall appear in Court remotely; and it is further

ORDERED, that all trial dates for quarantined and COVID 19 positive inmates will be postponed until the individual can be safely transported to court; and it is further

ORDERED, that all incarcerated persons will appear remotely for civil protective orders and peace orders; and it is further

ORDERED, that all inmates must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, to maintain safety and health protocols consistent with the Department of Corrections; and it is further

ORDERED, that to the extent that this Order conflicts with any prior District 6 Administrative Order, this order shall prevail.

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