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## **NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Dauphin County Courts Scheduled to Reopen to the Public**

**HARRISBURG** -- Dauphin County President Judge John Cherry today announced that beginning June 8, 2020, all Dauphin County courts will be open to the public. Jury trial proceedings remain suspended until Aug. 17, 2020.

Restrictions will remain in place at all court facilities to protect the safety of the public, jurists, court officials and staff including:

- Social distancing at a minimum of six feet from others;
- Masks or appropriate face coverings must be worn at all times;
- Temperature checks of anyone entering the court facility, using an infrared digital thermometer, with entry denied to those with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above;
- Those participating in a proceeding may not enter the court facility until 10 minutes prior to their assigned time; and
- Verbal screening to determine if those entering the court facility have been in contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 within the past fourteen days or have experienced symptoms of the virus within the past 24 hours. Those known to have had contact or are showing symptoms will be denied entry to the facility.

While the courts will be open to the public, judges are encouraged to use video and/or telephone conference options, in an effort to limit in-person proceedings. Should alternative technologies not be available, court appearances will be staggered to reduce crowding. Anyone not a party or witness to a proceeding will not be permitted to attend without prior court approval.

Fines, costs and restitution for Common Pleas cases may be made via Pa ePay, certified check, money order or check to the Bureau of Fines and Costs in Harrisburg (101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

17101). While in-person payments will be accepted at the Dauphin County Courthouse, access to the office will be limited to one person at a time.

Magisterial district judge (MDJ) cases payments can be made using Pa ePay, NCourt or by mailing a check or money order to the appropriate MDJ office. Payments will be accepted at MDJ offices, however safety precautions will be enforced.

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