

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MIDDLE DISTRICT**

IN RE: 31st JUDICIAL DISTRICT – : No. 48 MM 2020
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY :

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: JUDICIAL EMERGENCY ORDER : NO. 2020-J-0094

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3rd AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER

AND NOW, this 14th day of April, 2020, the Court having declared a judicial emergency in the 31st Judicial District of Pennsylvania on March 17, 2020, and extended it by declaration filed on April 3, 2020; and in accordance with the Supreme Court's Orders of March 18 and April 1, 2020, in In Re General Statewide Judicial Emergency (Nos. 531 and 532 Judicial Administration Docket);

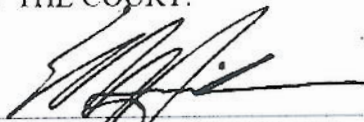
IT IS ORDERED all proceedings, including preliminary objections, motions for judgment on the pleadings, discovery and post-trial motions, in all civil cases in which a party is a healthcare professional, para-professional or institution directly providing screening, diagnosis,

treatment or care for anyone suspected of having or having COVID-19 are STAYED through May 31, 2020.¹

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the aforesaid stay may be lifted, in whole or in part, on a case-by-case basis upon application and a showing of prejudice more than mere delay.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Court's 2nd Amended Emergency Order, filed on April 3, 2020, not inconsistent with this Order remains in full force and effect.

BY THE COURT:



EDWARD D. REIBMAN, P.J.

¹ Lehigh County is home to seven hospitals and two regional healthcare networks.