IN RE: BUSINESS OF COURT BUSINESS OF COMMON 2020 MAR 18

PLEAS FOR THE 26TH

PANDEMIC ORDER RE: ATTENDANCE IN COURTHOUSER OF COURTS

JUDICIAL DISTRICT, COLUMBIA /MONTOUR COUNTIES PENNSYLVANIA

## **ORDER**

AND, NOW, this 18th day of March 2020, the court having declared a judicial emergency in the Twenty-Sixth (26th) Judicial District effective March 16, 2020, the court ORDERS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC DIRECTIVE. It is ordered that only persons with official court business shall be allowed to enter the courthouses, court annexes, and court/county related offices in Columbia County and Montour County for the purpose of conducting business (e.g., business at all county and court affiliated offices). No persons other than litigants and counsel and material witnesses (attested to by counsel) shall attend hearings/trials/conferences unless authorized by the court, a hearing officer, or a master. The Sheriff's Offices of the counties are authorized to enforce this order. All efforts should be made to conduct business and contact offices electronically by phone, email, etc. This order is effective immediately and shall end April 14, 2020, although the court will be seeking Supreme Court approval for a significant extension.

BY THE COURT:

THOMAS A. JAMES