

IOWA DISTRICT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**IN RE: PROCESSING OF
EMERGENCY MATTERS IN THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-31-2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fourth Judicial District is implementing a plan to process emergency matters that arise in The Fourth Judicial District during normal business hours while a courthouse is closed.

Emergency matters for purposes of this order include, but are not limited to, emergency Substance Abuse treatment proceedings pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 125, Hospitalization Proceedings pursuant to Chapter 229, Removal Proceedings pursuant to Chapter 232, Elder Abuse Proceedings pursuant to Chapter 235B, Dependent Abuse Proceedings pursuant to Chapter 235F and Protective orders pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 236 or 236A.

Signs are currently posted at all county courthouses directing the public to call the Clerk of Court for all emergency matters. Upon being provided notice that an emergency matter has arisen, as described above, the Clerk of Court will notify District Court Administration. The District Court Administrator's Office will schedule the matter for an immediate telephonic hearing. The hearing will be scheduled with a district court judge. All final hearings will also be held telephonically. All orders will be served upon Respondents.

This procedure will not apply to Chapter 125 and 229 proceedings in Pottawattamie County.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2020.



JEFFREY L. LARSON, CHIEF JUDGE
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.