

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF UNION

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT 20B

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

20P129

Pursuant to Administrative Order filed in 2020 R122, Union County Clerk of Court, the undersigned makes the following findings:

1. It is not possible to conduct regular court operations while also reducing public interaction and contact necessary to prevent and reduce the spread of the Novel Coronavirus/COVID-19.
2. There are cases which should proceed, with certain safeguards, to protect fundamental rights and the healthy and safety of persons, and many of those cases involve children.

In order to implement the orders and directives of the Chief Justice in this emergent situation, as well as to comply with recommendations and orders from the President of the United States, the Governor of North Carolina, the Center for Disease Control, and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and for the protection of the public and court personnel, it is ordered:

1. Any *ex parte* orders under NCGS Chapter 50B and NCGS Chapter 50C issued by district court judges in this district shall be set for return hearing as follows:
  - a. NCGS 50C orders shall be calendared for return hearings April 24, 2020.
  - b. NCGS 50B orders with a temporary custody provisions shall be calendared for hearing the first Tuesday following the entry of the order.
  - c. NCGS 50B orders without temporary custody provisions shall be calendared for the first Tuesday following the resumption of regular court operations, which at the time of the entry of this order is April 21, 2020.
  - d. Orders shall remain in effect until the date of the notice of hearing, as entered on the order, subject to further orders of the Court.
2. Written motions for relief may still be filed and heard in the discretion of the Chief District Court Judge.

Entered this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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William F. Helms, III  
Chief District Court Judge  
Judicial District 20B