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All,

Per the Supreme Court Order of March 18, 2020, all PA courts are closed to the public except for a limited number of specific matters starting today at the close of business until 4/3/20. First Abuse hearings will continue to be scheduled on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. All Plaintiff's will continue to be directed to go to Wise Options first for filing of a temporary PFA. If there is a conflict, court administration will still help the plaintiff complete the paper work for the temporary. The plaintiff should be directed to call court administration if there is a conflict, not just show up. Court administration will set up an appointment with the plaintiff.

All second abuse hearings, PFA contempt's, petitions to modify/withdraw PFAs scheduled between 3/20/20 and 4/3/20 have been continued. Notices with the new date and time will be sent out tomorrow. Having a good address for the parties is always an issue and I expect that we will have people show up that did not get notice.

Hearings on the temporary PFAs for matters filed by Wise Option will be done via Zoom on the computer. First abuses will be heard on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Any firsts done by Court Administration will be in person. I am suggesting to the judge to do those in the court room to keep everyone separated as much as possible.

If you have any PFAs on your schedule between now and April 3, please feel free to reach out to my office regarding the rescheduling. Please continue to direct your clients to Wise Options if they are in need of a PFA.

As we are still doing firsts, there will be second abuse hearings put on the schedule. So, please help out North Penn when they call in need of an attorney to handle the second abuse.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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