

**Harris County
County Criminal Courts at Law
March 13, 2020**

In an effort to encourage the safety of the public and court staff members from COVID-19, the County Criminal Court at Law Judges are NOT requiring accused individuals on the bond docket, to come to Court unless they are (1) scheduled for an arraignment setting, (2) set for a plea, (3) do not have an attorney of record, or (4) directly ordered by the Judge of the presiding court. Missed court appearance will NOT lead to bond forfeitures or bond revocations outside of the above four exceptions. All individuals with an attorney, hired or appointed, shall NOT attend their court settings until further notice. Please continue to contact your attorney if you have questions.

If anybody is having symptoms similar to COVID-19, recently travelled internationally, or has come in contact with somebody who has travelled internationally, DO NOT COME TO COURT until released from isolation by your Health Care Physician. Contact the Court and the Court will make the necessary scheduling changes to accommodate.

Attorneys: dockets will continue to run, with the exception of County Court # 8. As of March 12, 2020, jury services have been suspended until March 20, 2020 with the Board reserving the right to extend that Order. Please check the District Court's website for updates on jury service (<https://www.justex.net/>). Once jury services are up and running again, please contact the individual court for further instructions on jury trials. Please inform your clients and their families' of the Courts instructions.