

Supreme Court of New Jersey

Consistent with Executive Order No. 228, issued by Governor Christie on June 30, 2017 declaring a state of emergency because of the absence of a state budget for Fiscal Year 2018 as of the July 1, 2017 beginning of that Fiscal Year, and directing that only essential services and functions as defined therein shall continue during this budget-related state of emergency until such time as a General Appropriations Law is enacted for Fiscal Year 2018;

IT IS ORDERED that retroactive to July 1, 2017, and during the term that Executive Order No. 228 remains in effect, the Supreme Court, the Appellate Division, the Superior Courts, the Tax Court, and all supporting operations of the state courts, including the Administrative Office of the Courts, shall be closed except for emergent court matters and such other essential functions and supporting operations as may be determined by the Chief Justice as set forth in this and any subsequent orders, provided, however, that this Order shall not apply to the Municipal Courts; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that emergent or essential court matters shall include (a) CJP/First Appearances of “eligible defendants” under Criminal Justice Reform (but not defendants on a complaint-summons and not pretrial detention hearings under N.J.S.A. 2A:162-19d(1)); (b) applications for Special Medical Guardianship; (c) reviews of the incarceration of delinquent child support obligors; (d) juvenile detention hearings; (e) adult and minor civil commitment hearings; (f) residential foreclosure stays of eviction and stays of sheriff’s sales; (g) Division of Child Protection and Permanency removal applications (Dodd Hearings); (h) landlord/tenant stays of eviction; (i) ISP/JISP supervision; (j) monitoring of pretrial release defendants on electronic monitoring, including alerts; (k) emergent applications or appeals to the Appellate Division and the Supreme Court; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that information technology, accounting, payroll, security, and other services to support the emergent proceedings or essential functions as described in this or subsequent orders shall be maintained and provided as necessary; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that retroactive to July 1, 2017, and during the term of this Order, in the computation of time periods under statute or the Rules of Court and any statute of limitations, each day that the state courts are closed shall be deemed the same as a legal holiday, with the time periods and statutes of limitations tolled for state court matters; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the terms of all grand juries impaneled as of June 30, 2017 shall be extended for the duration of the term of this Order.



Chief Justice

Dated: July 2, 2017