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Supreme Court Order Resumes Some Court Operations, Extends Suspension of Others

The New Jersey Supreme Court today issued an omnibus order resuming the operations of some courts and extending the deadline for other court sessions and activities.

The order extends to May 31 the suspension of jury trials, landlord/tenant trials and grand jury proceedings.

Civil arbitration and matrimonial early settlement panels will resume on April 27. Civil commitment hearings already have resumed and will continue. Municipal court sessions will resume on May 11 by video or phone where possible; with consent of the parties, municipal court sessions can resume on April 27.

Attorney disciplinary hearings and fee arbitrations in relatively straightforward matters will resume on May 11.

The filing of notices of tort claims and the depositions or appearances of doctors, nurses and healthcare workers are also suspended through May 31.

Foreclosure motions or judgments received after March 1 will not be reviewed or recommended until further notice. The suspension of evictions of residential tenants continues.

Since March 16 when the Judiciary began working remotely because of COVID-19, New Jersey courts have conducted more than 12,000 court events – including hearings on motions, settlement and status conferences, arraignments, detention hearings, and municipal appeals – with more than 80,000 participants.