

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CLOSE OF OPERATIONS AS A MEASURE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



- ✓ **All hearings and judicial matters at the courts of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are hereby suspended as of tomorrow Monday, March 16, 2020 through Monday, March 30, 2020.**
- ✓ **During this period only urgent matters will be entertained, such as:**
 - hearings to determine probable cause for arrest (Criminal Procedure Rule 6)
 - restraining orders
 - requests to relocate minors outside of the jurisdiction
 - other urgent matters regarding family and minors' affairs and
 - involuntary admission orders under the Mental Health Code of Puerto Rico, among others.
- ✓ **Special hours of operation will be implemented in Municipal Courts, which will operate in shifts.**
- ✓ **The Supreme Court will likewise issue a Resolution to announce matters regarding the extension of terms.**
- ✓ **Except for staff required to operate during this period, Judicial Branch staff must remain in their homes as a measure to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.**

March 15, 2020