



Puerto Rico
Judicial Branch

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

March 15, 2020

To protect the health of our community and the Judicial Branch staff, 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. Details regarding the foregoing will be available shortly. 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.