



# CALDWELL COUNTY

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Pursuant to the Order of the Supreme Court of Texas (Misc. Docket No. 20-9042) and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas (Misc. Docket No. 20-007) FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER and all SUSBEQUENT ORDERS and by recommendation of the State Office of Court Administration and the Presiding Judge of the Third Administrative Judicial Region, Billy Ray Stubblefield:

## **Jury Trial Dockets:**

Jury Trial dockets for the Caldwell County Court-at-Law are cancelled through October 1, 2021.

## **Jail Cases:**

All Jail cases for the Caldwell County Court-at-Law will be held via Zoom through October 1, 2021. Any attorney needing an in-person hearing, please contact the Court to arrange transportation of your client.

## **Criminal Dockets:**

Criminal dockets have returned to in-person settings as of June 1, 2021. The Caldwell County Court-at-Law is reinstating rules and procedures for obtaining case resets.

All "Motion to Revoke Community Supervision", "Motion to Adjudicate" and "Notice to Show Cause" matters, must appear in person at each setting and are subject to drug/alcohol screening.

Attorneys and their client must appear at all Pretrial settings unless the case has been reset by the Court Administrator. Requests for resets should be emailed to [ana.garza@co.caldwell.tx.us](mailto:ana.garza@co.caldwell.tx.us) prior to the court date.

Resets will not be accepted on the day of the hearing by phone or email but can be requested in person before the Judge.

The Caldwell County Court-at-Law will not offer Zoom as an option for Appearances on criminal cases unless a Request for Remote Proceeding is made to the Court. Upon Request and good cause to

participate remotely, the Court will provide you with the next available date for a video-conference hearing via Zoom.

### **Hearings for Civil, Probate and Guardianship cases:**

All court proceedings have returned to in-person settings as of June 1, 2021. Uncontested Civil, Probate and Guardianship matters may be held remotely via Zoom through October 1, 2021 upon request. Please call or email the Court Administrator for a setting date and time. A Motion to Set on the Non-Jury docket must be e-filed and a courtesy copy sent to the Court. All prove-up documents, including Proposed Orders, shall be emailed to [ana.garza@co.caldwell.tx.us](mailto:ana.garza@co.caldwell.tx.us) one week prior to the hearing for review. Please note that the Court will not hear a case without proper pleadings filed or Proposed Orders delivered within the times set herein.

All contested hearings will be held In-Person.

### **Juvenile Dockets:**

All juvenile proceedings have returned to in-person settings as of June 1, 2021.

The Child and the Parent or Guardian must be present in person at all Adjudication/Non-Jury, Modification, and Pretrial settings.

Detention hearings may be conducted remotely via Zoom. Any attorney needing an in-person detention hearing, please contact the Court to arrange transportation of your client. Request for Resets should be emailed to [ana.garza@co.caldwell.tx.us](mailto:ana.garza@co.caldwell.tx.us).

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The Caldwell County Court-at-Law is open and working to serve the citizens of Caldwell County. However, the health and safety of everyone, including our staff, is of the utmost concern. All Courtroom Rules and Safety measures MUST be followed by Order of the Court. The Court will implement the health protocols in accordance with the health (DSHS) and follow the minimum standard health protocols as published by the CDC for all in-person proceedings.

**THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF EVERYONE, INCLUDING OUR STAFF, IS OF UTMOST CONCERN. IF ANYBODY IS HAVING SYMPTOMS SIMILAR TO COVID-19, RECENTLY TRAVELED INTERNATIONALLY OR OUT OF STATE, OR HAS COME IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS TRAVELED OR IS SICK, DO NOT COME TO COURT. CONTACT THE COURT AND THE COURT WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY SCHEDULING CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE YOU.**

We appreciate your consideration and cooperation during this unprecedented time. Please call the Court Administrator, Ana G. Garza, at (512) 359-4348 or email her with any questions to [ana.garza@co.caldwell.tx.us](mailto:ana.garza@co.caldwell.tx.us).

Thank you,

  
Judge Barbara L. Molina