



COUNTY COURT AT LAW
JIM WELLS COUNTY

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**PLAN OF ACTION FOR ALL PENDING CASES IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW
OF JIM WELLS COUNTY IN RESPONSE TO THE IMMINENT THREAT OF THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The Plan of Action for the County Court at Law of Jim Wells County is as follows:

1. All essential and non-essential hearings will be held via teleconferencing unless otherwise ordered by the Court, and will be done on a case-by-case basis. The Court will be using Zoom for teleconferencing services.
2. The Meeting Identification Number ("Meeting ID") for court sessions will be made public for anyone that wishes to view the proceedings using the Zoom application and/or website, and the State of Texas' Office of the Court Administration will facilitate streaming via the Court's official YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9NFTsfKxo02-JZxDj9Alw>

3. The Meeting ID for the Court's March 26, 2020 docket, which will begin at 9:00 a.m., is **633 054 788**.

The Meeting ID for the Court's April 2, 2020 docket, which will begin at 9:00 a.m., is **100 193 407**.

4. To stay up-to-date on the Court's docket and the Meeting IDs for future Court sessions, please visit the Court's webpage:

<https://www.co.jim-wells.tx.us/page/co.county.court.at.law.judge>

5. Criminal defendants and *pro se* litigants should make every attempt to join the teleconferences. All defense counsel should be able to account for the whereabouts of clients who are out on bond by making contact prior to a hearing.
6. If a *pro se* litigant is unable to join the teleconferences but would like to make other arrangements to make an appearance by phone, he/she must contact the court well in advance of the scheduled hearing to make other arrangements.

Parties, attorneys, and the public can continue to seek guidance and answers concerning the Court's docket and procedures by calling our office at 361.668.5898 option 4 on the main menu and/or by emailing us at countycourtatlaw@co.jim-wells.tx.us. Information pertaining to a particular case will only be provided to attorneys of record and *pro se* litigants.

Signed on 25th day of March, 2020



Michael W. Garcia
Judge Presiding
Jim Wells County Court at Law

WARNING: In order to facilitate court activities during the Coronavirus pandemic, the Office of Court Administration is providing Judges the ability to stream and host court proceedings via Zoom and YouTube. Under the Open Courts Provision of the Texas Constitution, all courts are required to maintain public access. In general, court proceedings, are presumptively open to the public in Texas state courts. This YouTube Channel is setup to comply with that provision, however, recording of these proceedings is strictly prohibited. Participants and viewers are hereby admonished that violators are subject to the Court's contempt powers. The punishment for contempt of a court is a fine of not more than \$500 or confinement in the county jail for not more than six months, or both such a fine and confinement in jail. (Texas Government Code Sec. 21.002)