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Presidential Update

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COVID-19

Your safety during this pandemic remains PANJ's priority. On the conference call with the Judiciary on Monday, March 16, 2020, PANJ's emphasis was on safety procedures and safe continuity of operations.

Yesterday the Governor put into action a number of unprecedented statewide restrictions in order to stem the spread of the virus. The Judiciary is also working to implement alternative work arrangements. What does this mean: it means that all operations are being assessed to implement or modify schedules to accommodate operational needs with minimal staff. We expect to have more information/implementation issued by the Judiciary on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 or sooner.

PANJ suggested on the call that individuals who have to report a courthouse/buildings or file certain critical applications be screened not only for security but also to see if they have any symptoms of CORONA-19 via temperature reading. We are awaiting the Judiciary's response.

We also requested that alternate means to interview individuals be employed for office visits and appointments, where circumstances arise. PANJ also suggested that there be ways to complete alternative field visits during this time frame.

Please note that if you will be out under the 'school closure leave' will have to fill out the certification provided by the Judiciary.

Employees may be asked to use their personal computer from home, however that is not mandatory.

Please check PANJ.org for additional updates if you do not have access to your work

email.

In Solidarity,

Dwight Covalleskie

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