



EDO STATE JUDICIARY

ENTRY INTO COURT PREMISES GUIDELINES.

IN VIEW OF THE CORONA VIRUS(COVID -19) PANDEMIC AND IN ORDER TO SAFE GUARD THE HEALTH OF COURT PERSONNEL AND USERS, THE HON. CHIEF JUDGE OF EDO STATE, HON JUSTICE E. A. EDIGIN HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIVES IN RESPECT OF COURT SITTINGS IN ALL COURTS OF EDO STATE.

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY INTO THE COURT PREMISES SAVE THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO FILE URGENT MATTERS/APPLICATIONS.

FOR THOSE COMING IN RESPECT OF AFFIDAVITS, ONLY 10 PERSONS WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE COURT PREMISES AT A TIME BY THE SECURITY PERSONNEL AND THEY SHALL OBSERVE STRICTLY THE PRESCRIBE SOCIAL DISTANCE OF 3 FEET.

IN ALL CASES, ONLY PARTIES WHOSE CASES ARE TO BE HEARD, THEIR WITNESSES AND COUNSEL WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE COURT ROOM AT ANY SITTING TIME SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF TWENTY PERSONS ALTOGETHER. IN THE COURT ROOMS, PERSONS SHALL KEEP A DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 3 FEET FROM EACH OTHER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

- 1) **CRIMINAL MATTERS** - HEARING OF ALL CRIMINAL CAUSES OR MATTERS, WHERE THE DEFENDANT IS PRODUCED FROM CUSTODY FROM CORRECTIONAL CENTRES IS SUSPENDED EXCEPT IN DESERVING OR EXCEPTIONAL CASES AS THE JUDGE/MAGISTRATE OR PRESIDENT SHALL DETERMINE. COURTS SHALL HOWEVER, HEAR AND DETERMINE ONLY APPLICATIONS FOR BAIL OR REMAND ORDERS AS WELL AS CRIMINAL OVER-NIGHT CASES.
- 2) **CIVIL CASES** - ONLY EX-PARTE AND URGENT APPLICATIONS SHALL BE HEARD.
- 3) ADOPTION OF WRITTEN ADDRESSES WILL BE ENTERTAINED.
- 4) JUDGMENTS AND RULINGS WILL BE READ.
- 5) ALL CANTEENS WITHIN COURTS PREMISES, SHALL BE SHUT WITH EFFECT FROM 24TH MARCH, 2020.

THIS DIRECTIVES SHALL BE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AND SHALL BE IN PLACE FOR THE NEXT 21 DAYS, SUBJECT TO REVIEW.

DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF MARCH 2020.

SIGNED

**W. I. AZIEGBEMHIN ESQ.,
CHIEF REGISTRAR.**