

**THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
JUDICIARY OF THE BAHAMAS
NOTICE # 11
EXTENSION OF THE COURT CORONAVIRUS MITIGATION
PROTOCOLS 4.0 TO GRAND BAHAMA
10 August, 2020**

On 23 July, 2020 the Office of the Chief Justice issued Notice # 9 setting out the Court Coronavirus Mitigation Protocols 3.0 - Grand Bahama ("***the Protocols 3.0***"). By its terms, those Protocols only apply to Grand Bahama and, unless extended by Notice issued by the Chief Justice, cease to have effect at 12:00 midnight on 11 August, 2020. The Protocols 3.0 will not be extended.

On 5 August, 2020 the Office of the Chief Justice issued Notice # 10 setting out the Court Coronavirus Mitigation Protocols 4.0 ("***the Protocols 4.0***"). By its terms those Protocols do not apply to Grand Bahama unless extended to that island by Notice issued by the Chief Justice.

I. Notice is hereby given that, effective 12:01 a.m. on 12 August, 2020 the Protocols 4.0 are hereby extended to Grand Bahama subject only to the following modifications:

1. Insert the following sub-paragraph in paragraph 7:

“(v) the Registry in Freeport will operate on weekdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. subject to compliance with physical distancing, mask wearing and sanitizing requirements.

2. Paragraph 8 is extended to Magistrates in Grand Bahama;

3. Insert at the end of paragraph 10 the following sentence:

“ During the Extension Period the Deputy Coroner in Grand Bahama will be available by appointment for signing releases on Mondays and Fridays between 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

4. Insert at the end of paragraph 11(ii) the words “(iii) in Freeport between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

5. Insert the following sub-paragraph in paragraph 12:

“(iii) the Registry and the Accounts Department for the Magistrates Court in Freeport will operate on weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. subject to compliance with physical distancing, mask wearing and sanitizing requirements. Maintenance payments under a Court Order can be made during these operating hours and the disbursement of such payments will continue to be made to the receiving party by direct deposit.

6. Paragraph 13 does not apply to Grand Bahama.

II. Hearings and matters in the Magistrates Court in Eight Mile Rock will be dealt with by the Magistrates Court in Freeport during the Extension period.

Brian M. Moree
Chief Justice.