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Chief Justice closes courts throughout state for Monday, July 2

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Supreme Court Chief Justice Menis Ketchum issued an order Sunday, July 1, closing all courts in the state of West Virginia on Monday, July 2, due to the weather emergency caused by a storm on Friday.

Magistrates should continue their regular on-call rotations. However, all circuit clerk and magistrate clerk offices will be closed. Other than on-call magistrates, court employees are NOT to report to work.

The Chief Justice and the other Justices have been monitoring the situation since Friday, when a storm with unusually high winds caused widespread power outages affecting hundreds of thousands of people in every county. The justices will continue to assess the situation from Supreme Court offices, along with other essential personnel, who will report to work.

The judiciary's central data center never was without power. A backup generator kicked in as it was designed to do, so essential information streams like that needed to enter domestic violence protective orders into the National Information Crime Computer has continued uninterrupted.

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