



**CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2020-02  
STATE OF COLORADO  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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**COVID-19 ORDER FOR MATTERS SET THROUGH MAY 1, 2020**

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This order is being issued to provide guidance to parties and attorneys for the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Federal, state, and local governments have declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19. Moreover, federal, state, and public health departments have issued advisements about measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and precautions to reduce exposure to the virus. For these and other reasons, the court enters the following orders.

1. All criminal and civil jury trials scheduled between now through May 1, 2020 will be vacated and continued by judicial officers unless: (1) there are speedy trial constraints; or (2) the judicial officer finds exigent circumstances. The parties in such cases shall contact the judicial officer's staff to reschedule the jury trial.
2. As to other trials, hearings, and conferences scheduled between now through May 1, 2020, judicial officers, to the extent practicable and at their discretion, will attempt to reschedule such matters or to convert such matters to telephonic appearances in an effort to minimize the need for persons to travel to court. That said, certain matters may nevertheless require personal appearances.
3. Should parties and attorneys have any questions, they are encouraged to contact the judicial officer's staff by telephone or email, rather than travel to court. Additional contact information is found on the court's website.

To the extent there is a conflict between other Chief Judge Orders, this order governs through May 1, 2020.

March 16, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JRP", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey R. Pilkington, Chief Judge  
First Judicial District