



**CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2020-03  
STATE OF COLORADO  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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**COVID-19 ORDER FOR LIMITED COURT  
OPERATIONS THROUGH MAY 1, 2020**

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This Order is being issued to provide further guidance to parties and attorneys during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. In response to this pandemic, the court issued an order that began to limit court operations. See CJO 2020-02 Covid-19 Order for Matters Set Through May 1, 2020. The purpose of that Order was to limit large gatherings and in-person proceedings and contacts.

Later the same day, Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Coats declared that the courts “can no longer continue normal operations and must . . . operate on an emergency basis” through April 3, 2020. See Order Regarding COVID-19 and Operation of Colorado State Courts (“SCT Order”). The Chief Justice suspended all jury calls (except those facing imminent speedy trial deadlines), and identified ten classes of matters or operations that could not be suspended. With the exception of these essential matters or operations, the Chief Judge of each district must continue to determine how to operate the district through the pandemic. In doing so, the Chief Judge must “make every effort to facilitate work from remote locations and to minimize or eliminate in-person proceedings and contact.” SCT Order.

Pursuant to such directives and to balance the need for continued court operations and the safety of staff and citizens, the court issues this Order to further clarify the limited court operations through May 1, 2020. THIS ORDER APPLIES ONLY TO OPERATIONS THROUGH MAY 1, 2020.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Jefferson County Combined Courts will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm., Monday to Friday, except legal holidays. However, the Chief Judge, Court Executive, Chief Probation Officer, Clerk of Court, and/or Court Security are authorized to deny entrance to or removal from the courthouse of any person showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19. The courts shall work directly and cooperatively with the local Sheriff’s Office to enforce this order.
- Gilpin County Combined Courts will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm., Monday to Friday, except legal holidays. However, the Chief Judge, Court Executive, Chief Probation Officer, Clerk of Court, and/or Court Security are authorized to deny entrance to or removal from the