



**CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2020-10
STATE OF COLORADO
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**COVID-19 ORDER REGARDING EXTENSION
OF CHIEF JUDGE ORDERS 2020-03, 2020-04
(AS REVISED), 2020-05, 2020-07, AND 2020-09**

This order is being issued to provide further guidance to parties and attorneys during the COVID-19 (coronavirus pandemic). On April 24, Jefferson County Public Health extended its stay-at-home orders through midnight on May 8, 2020. See Notice of Second Extension of Jefferson County Public Health Order 20-001. Neighboring metropolitan area jurisdictions issued similar extensions. Some prior Chief Judge Orders relating to operations during COVID-19 are scheduled to expire, and require extensions and/or clarifications. For these and other reasons, the court enters the following orders:

1. **CJO 2020-03** (COVID-19 Order for Limited Court Operations Through May 1, 2020) is hereby extended and effective through May 17, 2020. As explained in CJO 2020-03, “[a]lthough court staff may attempt to reschedule the matter, the parties are ultimately responsible for doing so by contacting court staff.” *Id.* at 2. For the sake of clarity, unless the matter has been rescheduled by the court, the party shall appear via telephone or other electronic means (the preferred option) or in person as scheduled.
2. **CJO 2020-04** (COVID-19 Order Regarding Arrest Warrants Through May 1, 2020 (Revised)) is hereby extended and effective through May 17, 2020.
3. **CJO 2020-05** (COVID-19 Order Regarding Filing of Forcible Entry and Detainer Actions Through May 1, 2020) is hereby extended and effective through May 17, 2020. Because

of the short time (7-14 days) for the return of summons in FED actions, the court cannot hear return dates on summons in such actions until May 19, 2020 or later. Therefore, the court directs the Jefferson and Gilpin County Clerk's Offices to reject all FED complaints (filed electronically or in person) before May 12, 2020, unless the FED complaint raises serious public safety concerns.

4. **CJO 2020-07** (COVID-19 Order for Jury Trials Set Through May 15, 2020) is hereby extended and effective through May 31, 2020. This extension is consistent with the Chief Justice Order entered on April 16, 2020. The First Judicial District will not summon jurors for jury trials set through May 28, 2020, and any persons with a summons to report for jury duty during this period are not required to appear. On or before the scheduled trial date, courts shall determine the status of all cases set for trial during this period.
5. **CJO 2020-09** (COVID-19 Order Regarding Pre-Trial Release from Custody (Supplement to CJO 2019-10)) is hereby extended and effective through May 31, 2020.

To the extent there is a conflict between this and other Chief Judge Orders, this order governs.

April 27, 2020



Jeffrey R. Pilkington, Chief Judge
First Judicial District