

EL PASO COUNTY COMBINED COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO

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PRESIDING JUVENILE JUDGE ORDER 2020-08

El Paso County Juvenile Court Operations Effective August 3, 2020 Through August 14, 2020

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Pursuant to 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Chief Judge Order (CJO) 20-06 Regarding Court Operations Effective August 3, 2020 through August 14, 2020, the El Paso County Courts are restricting court operations. (copy attached). This order supersedes PJO 2020-07 regarding juvenile court operations in El Paso County.

**Subject to the public safety exceptions in the CJO, THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON HEARINGS FROM AUGUST 3, 2020 TO AUGUST 14, 2020. All hearings already scheduled to proceed remotely, shall go forward as planned unless parties are otherwise instructed by the division.**

**For juvenile courts, public safety matters are limited to:**

- 1. Juvenile detention and advisement hearings in delinquency cases.**
- 2. Shelter hearings in dependency and neglect hearings.**

**These orders do not prohibit a juvenile judicial officer from setting other hearings they determine are necessary to serve the purpose of The Colorado Children's Code. The use of phone or audio-visual programs (such as Webex) to conduct hearings remotely is mandatory 8/3/20 – 8/14/20 (except for public safety exceptions) and will continue to be highly encouraged where practical. Please follow the link for court WebEx information: <https://www.courts.state.co.us>. All scheduled hearings shall comply with the Chief Judge Order regarding in-court proceedings, including:**

\*Under Governor Polis' Executive Order 2020 110, issued June 20, 2020, members of the public are now required to wear masks in the courthouse.

\*Both inside the courtroom and in the common areas of the courthouse, including hallways outside courtroom, people shall maintain six-foot distancing from each other.

\*No judicial officer shall require the in-person attendance of any "vulnerable individuals" without prior permission from the Chief Judge.

\*No judicial officer is required to hold in-person proceedings.

The court will issue another order before August 14, 2020 regarding operations for the rest of the month.

DONE AND SIGNED on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2020.



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LINDA BILLINGS VELA  
Presiding Juvenile Judge  
Fourth Judicial District