

b) **Limitations on Entry.** Persons who meet any of the following criteria are prohibited from entering either courthouse and instead should call the court to reschedule their court date, request to appear by phone, or receive further instructions:

- i. Anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 and that does not have written verification that the person has received a subsequent test confirming that person is currently virus-free;
- ii. Anyone who has been in direct contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the preceding fourteen days;
- iii. Anyone experiencing a fever, cough, shortness of breath, any other respiratory illness or flu-like symptoms.

2) **Mandatory Continuance and Limitations on Trials and Hearings.**

- a) Except for matters concerning public safety as described in section 2.d. below, ALL other appearances and/or hearings set from 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2020, through 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2020, are hereby VACATED and CONTINUED. All parties and counsel shall contact the appropriate division, if the case is assigned to a division, or the clerk's office if you are uncertain of the division assignment, to reschedule. The divisions have already initiated rescheduling.
- b) Jury Trials: all jury calls for civil trials scheduled through May 15, 2020 have been cancelled. Attorneys and parties scheduled for a civil jury trial between the date of this order and May 15 shall contact the division where the case is assigned to select a new trial date if they have not already been contacted by the division. This order does not vacate jury trial dates for CR, JD, M, and T cases scheduled through May 15, 2020. If there is an imminent speedy trial issue, meaning the statutory time for trial **expires** on or before May 15, 2020, a jury trial may occur. On these cases, the parties are expected to appear unless the date has been vacated by the judge presiding over the case. The Court orders both sides to confer regarding the possibility of either continuing the jury trial or obtaining a waiver of speedy trial. Additionally, the Courts will be in a position to conduct a trial to the court if the parties agree to waive the jury and there are imminent speedy trial issues.
- c) FED and CRCP 120 matters: the court will accept new filings on these matters, but the return dates for FED cases will be after May 15, 2020. The court will not be addressing pending CRCP 120 matters until after May 15, 2020.

d) The courts will continue to conduct hearings on public safety matters. Public safety matters are limited to the following:

- i. Petitions for temporary civil protection orders and permanent protection order hearings;
- ii. Petitions for temporary emergency risk protection orders and hearings on emergency risk protection orders;
- iii. Crim.P. Rule 5 advisement for incarcerated persons and the initial setting of bail;
- iv. Revocation hearings on complaints to revoke probation involving an incarcerated defendant;
- v. Proceedings necessary to protect the constitutional rights of criminal defendants including bond-related matters and plea agreements for incarcerated individuals;
- vi. In custody pretrial conferences for county court cases with the Defendant appearing by video when permitted;
- vii. Detention hearings for juvenile delinquency cases;
- viii. Shelter hearings in dependency and neglect cases or other juvenile proceedings;
- ix. Petitions for appointment of an emergency guardian and/or special conservator;
- x. Hearings on motions to restrict parenting time and parental abduction prevention;
- xi. Emergency mental health proceedings;
- xii. Other proceedings deemed necessary by the presiding judge (in consultation with the Chief Judge) to prevent a substantial risk of imminent financial hardship, or imminent risk to the health, safety or welfare of an individual or members of the community.

e) In implementing this order, the 17th JD makes every effort to facilitate work from remote locations and to minimize or eliminate in-person proceedings and contact as stated in the Orders Regarding COVID-19 and Operation of Colorado State Courts dated March 16, 2020 and March 20, 2020. The courts shall seek to limit in person participation and encourage and accommodate telephone and/or video appearance for all participants.

3) **Jury Calls.** All jury trials set to commence on or before May 15, 2020, excepting only those for which the statutory time limit for trial **expires** on or before May 15, 2020 as noted in sections 2.b above, are hereby VACATED and CONTINUED. All parties and counsel shall contact the appropriate court to reschedule. The courts may also initiate rescheduling. Any jurors receiving a summons for this time period and who contact the jury commissioner(s) with COVID-19 concerns shall have their service postponed consistent with this Order. The provisions of Chief Judge Temporary Chief Judge Order 2020-01 Order Authorizing Release of Jurors for Health Reasons shall continue to apply.

- 4) **Social Distancing.** Social distancing shall be maintained with respect to all in-person activities within the courthouses.

Until further notice, the court will permit persons to wear surgical masks and gloves in court and probation buildings if they so desire. Persons may also bring small plastic containers of hand sanitizer into court and probation buildings.

The Chief Judge will continue to monitor available information and recommendations from health organizations and this Order may be revised or extended, as deemed necessary.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of March, 2020.

By the COURT,



EMILY E. ANDERSON
Chief Judge
Seventeenth Judicial District