

<p>EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT: ARAPAHOE, DOUGLAS, ELBERT and LINCOLN COUNTIES, COLORADO</p> <p>Arapahoe County Justice Center 7325 South Potomac Street Centennial, Colorado 80112</p> <p>Arapahoe County Courthouse 1790 West Littleton Boulevard Littleton, Colorado 80120</p> <p>Douglas County Justice Center 4000 Justice Way #2009 Castle Rock, Colorado 80109</p> <p>Elbert County Courthouse PO Box 232, 751 Ute Street Kiowa, Colorado 80117</p> <p>Lincoln County Courthouse PO Box 128, 103 Third Avenue Hugo, Colorado 80821</p>	<p align="center">• COURT USE ONLY •</p> <p align="center">Fourth Amended Chief Judge Order 20-06 July 31, 2020</p> <hr/> <p align="center">Division 201</p>
<p align="center">FOURTH AMENDED CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 20-06 FINDING PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS DUE TO COVID-19 PRECLUDE THE CALLING OF A JURY FOR JURY TRIALS SCHEDULED PRIOR TO AUGUST 31, 2020, EXCEPT FOR JURY TRIALS REQUIRING SEVEN OR LESS JURORS IN ARAPAHOE AND DOUGLAS COUNTIES</p>	

This order is issued to provide guidance to summoned jurors, attorneys, litigants, and all others associated with any jury trials in the Eighteenth Judicial District in light of the public health risk posed by the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”). On July 24, 2020, the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court issued his Updated Order Regarding COVID-19 and Operation of Colorado State

Courts. In that Updated Order, the Chief Justice removed the requirement that the Chief Judges obtain a waiver to resume conducting jury trials after August 2, 2020, provided the Chief Judge of the district determines that a jury pool can safely be assembled consistent with applicable executive orders and health directives.

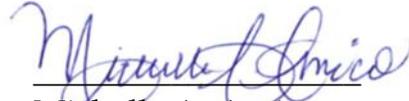
The undersigned previously sought and obtained a waiver from Chief Justice Coats to issue juror summons and resume jury trials requiring seven jurors or less for Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. This waiver was sought on the basis that jurors could be safely assembled, selected, and empaneled, in only those two counties, for these limited jury trials that would resume in a slow and incremental manner consistent with state and local public health guidelines. As a result, jurors have been summoned for those limited jury trials, and the proposal approved by Chief Justice Coats is available on the court's website.

The undersigned continues to consider current information from: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; the Tri-County Health Department which governs Arapahoe and Douglas Counties; local public health agencies that govern Elbert and Lincoln Counties, as well as Executive Orders issued by Governor Jared Polis. Based upon all this current information, and for all the reasons listed in all previous versions of this CJO 20-06, the Court will not summon jurors for trials that would commence **prior to August 31, 2020**, for (1) jury trials requiring more than seven jurors; (2) jury trials of any size in Elbert County; and (3) jury trials of any size in Lincoln County. Jurors will continue to be summoned for trials requiring seven jurors or less in Arapahoe County and Douglas County and the Court will continually adjust the proposal to resume those trials to conform with current state and local public health guidelines.

Given the constitutional and statutory rights to jury trials and the need to secure those rights as expeditiously as feasible, the Eighteenth Judicial District staff and judicial officers, including the undersigned, will continue to prepare and innovate safe plans to resume jury trials across the Eighteenth Judicial District. The Court will review protocols used for the limited jury trials currently taking place and determine whether other jury trials can safely increase. At this point in time, the Court anticipates resuming additional jury trials in all four counties on August 31, 2020. However, those additional jury trials will resume in a slow and incremental manner in accordance with existing orders and health directives, and clear parameters will be set forth for those jury trials in advance of August 31, 2020.

Dated July 31, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



Michelle A. Amico

Chief Judge

Eighteenth Judicial District