

COVID-19: The court is temporarily CLOSED and is hearing only emergency matters from March 19th through April 3rd.

ATTENTION

As a result of public health preparations to prevent the spread of COVID-19, almost all services at all courthouses in the 18th Judicial District are closed for regular business. Please see the information below for instructions on how to contact the court.



YOU WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- You need to request a temporary protection order;
- You are scheduled for a permanent protection order hearing;
- You need to submit an emergency request to restrict parenting time or a request to prevent parental abduction of your child;
- You need to request the appointment of an emergency guardian and/or special conservator;
- You are scheduled for a temporary custody hearing in a dependency and neglect case;
- You need to request an emergency mental health hearing;
- You need to request a temporary emergency risk protection order;
- You are scheduled for a permanent emergency risk protection hearing;
- You are named as the victim in a case and the defendant is in-custody and will be appearing in front of a judge for the first time or for filing of charges.
- You are a family member of a defendant that is in-custody and will be appearing in front of a judge for the first time or for filing of charges.

Parties to the cases listed include attorneys, witnesses, victims, law enforcement and press.

As a result of Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Coats order suspending court operations through April 3, 2020, except for essential court functions, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, effective immediately the Courts and Probation of the 18th Judicial District will be operating with reduced staff.

WHERE TO GET INFORMATION

Information regarding our operating status, including services available via phone, will be posted on our website: https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District_ID=18



You may find that your case has already been re-scheduled !!

Look first online at: <https://www.courts.state.co.us/dockets/>

COURT HEARINGS SET BETWEEN MARCH 16th AND APRIL 3RD ARE BEING RESCHEDULED

Please start by contacting your attorney if you have one.

Please allow up to 2-3 days for court staff to reschedule your hearing before contacting the court. The courts are actively working on rescheduling court dates.

PLEASE NOTE: We are receiving a high volume of calls! If you have to call, please have your case number available before you make a call. *

ELBERT COUNTY COURT

- Division A: 303-621-3223 or 303-621-2131

ELBERT DISTRICT COURT

- Division 1: 303-621-3230 or 303-621-3227 (ElbertDiv1@judicial.state.co.us)

HOW TO FILE PLEADINGS WHILE THE COURTHOUSE IS CLOSED

- Pleadings will be processed according to the priority outlined by Chief Justice Coats
- Attorneys should continue to file pleadings via CCE, being cognizant of those that can wait until after April 3rd.
- Parties without an attorney may file their pleadings in WORD or PDF format ONLY to the following email address: 18JURY@judicial.state.co.us
 - This email address is for pleadings ONLY! Do not send us any questions as they will not be answered. If you have questions, please contact the court.
 - Your pleadings are not considered accepted and filed until you receive a response stating that it has been.

HOW TO PAY ANY FEES OR COSTS

- Criminal, misdemeanor, juvenile delinquency, and traffic payments can be made online at <https://www.its.courts.state.co.us/cjop/>
- Payments may also be submitted via US Mail
- Record request fees and other filing fees can also be accessed via this website.

JURORS

IF YOU HAVE A SUMMONS TO REPORT FOR JURY DUTY BETWEEN THE DATES OF MARCH 18, 2020 AND APRIL 3, 2020 YOU ARE **NOT REQUIRED** TO APPEAR. YOU MAY RECEIVE A NEW REPORTING DATE FOR JURY DUTY.