



**TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE 2020-14
ORDER AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS 2020-10 and 2020-13
AND EXPANDING HEARINGS FOR NON-ESSENTIAL JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS**

On May 5, 2020, Chief Justice Coats issued an updated order regarding the operation of Colorado state courts. In his order, the Chief Justice requires all state courts to continue to operate on an emergency basis and “continue the safe conduct of all legal business, whether essential or not.”

Given the current state of the ongoing health crisis, as well as precautions that our district has put into place to help ensure the safety of people who come to the justice center, the judges agree that Administrative Orders 2020-10 and 2020-13 should be amended to allow for more in-person hearings for matters involving **non-essential judicial functions**. Therefore, Administrative Orders 2020-10 and 2020-13 are amended as follows: at the discretion of the presiding judicial officer, court proceedings, except for jury trials, may now be conducted in person for **non-essential judicial functions** so long as the total number of people present in the courtroom, including the judicial officer and staff, does not exceed 10 people. Judicial officers may request a variance of this order from the Chief Judge. Furthermore, until modified by order of the Chief Justice, “**wherever reasonably feasible, judicial proceedings, regardless of their nature, should continue to be conducted remotely.**”

This order is effective immediately.

Done this 15th day of June 2020.



BRIAN J. FLYNN
Chief Judge