

COVID-19 Updates

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Colorado Supreme Court

Clerk's Office front counter will be open 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. through April 30, 2020. Business hours remain 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Access to Clerks' office is currently through the entrance at 13th and Broadway. The 14th street entrance is temporarily closed.

Pro Se parties are permitted to fax or email file in the Supreme Court until further notice.

Chief Justice Orders:

[March 16 Court Operations Order](#)

[March 20 Court Order Extending March 16 Order](#)

Court Trials, Hearings, and Conferences:

Court operations are suspended except for:

1. Petitions for temporary civil protection orders and permanent protection order hearings;
2. Petitions for temporary emergency risk protection orders and hearings on emergency risk protection orders;
3. Crim. P. Rule 5 advisement for incarcerated persons and the initial setting of bail;
4. Revocation hearings on complaints to revoke probation involving an incarcerated defendant;
5. Proceedings necessary to protect the constitutional rights of criminal defendants including bond-related matters and plea agreements for incarcerated individuals;
6. Detention hearings for juvenile delinquency cases;
7. Shelter hearings in dependency and neglect cases or other juvenile proceedings;
8. Petitions for appointment of an emergency guardian and/or special conservator;
9. Hearings on motions to restrict parenting time and parental abduction prevention; and
10. Emergency mental health proceedings.

Chief Judges of each Judicial District will retain the discretion to determine which operations or matters are necessary to prevent a substantial risk of imminent financial hardship or imminent risk to the health, safety or welfare of any individual or the community at large.

Jury Trials:

All criminal and civil trials currently set through May 15, 2020 are vacated and continued except for criminal trials facing imminent speedy trial deadlines. See [Order](#).

Colorado Court of Appeals

From March 18, 2020-April 30, 2020, the Clerks' Offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Access to Clerks' office is currently through the entrance at 13th and Broadway. The 14th street entrance is temporarily closed. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Court of Appeals clerk's office at 720-625-5150.

Record Due Dates: *Except in Mental Health appeals and Dependency and Neglect appeals, the Court of Appeals has granted a blanket 63 day extension to district courts to file any record due between March 25 – May 30, 2020.*

Oral Arguments:

All oral arguments scheduled for March and April 2020 are vacated.

If the parties to an appeal confer and agree to waive the oral argument in their appeal, they should file a joint statement waiving the argument. The Court will then decide the appeal in due course.

If the parties do not agree to waive an oral argument, counsel for the party requesting oral argument shall file a notice with the Court within fourteen days of the date on which oral argument was originally scheduled indicating that the party still wants to have an oral argument. The Court, in its discretion, will then either (1) reset the oral argument in a separate order, or (2) enter an order vacating the oral argument, and it will then decide the appeal in due course.

If the Court decides that an argument will be reset, it will be reset as reasonably expeditiously as possible. But, due to the fluid nature of the outbreak, the exact date for resetting an oral argument cannot be determined at this time.

1st Judicial District

Limited operations through May 1, 2020.

Jefferson County Courts will be open 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday, except legal holidays.

For Jefferson County matters, please call 720-772-2500 if you have any questions.

Gilpin County Courts will be open 9:00am – 4:00pm, Monday to Friday except legal holidays.

For Gilpin County matters, please call 303-582-5522 if you have questions.

→ Entrance may be denied to those exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

Pursuant to CJO 2020-03, except for matters concerning public safety as listed on Colorado Judicial Branch website, all appearances will be VACATED and CONTINUED.

REMOTE HEARINGS

THE VIDEO APPEARANCE TECHNOLOGY IS
SUBSTANDARD. THEY ARE LOOKING INTO OTHER
OPTIONS TO LIMIT ATTORNEY APPEARANCES AND
TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AMENDMENTS TO
RULE 43.

Much appreciation to Jennifer Kilpatrick for additional information we have received for Jefferson County.

Chief Judge Order and Operations Announcements:

[Colorado Judicial Branch](#) page for 1st JD

[CJO Order 2020-03](#) – COVID-19 Order for Limited Court Operations through May 1, 2020
(summarized below, but refer to Order for specific instructions)

Chief Judge Pilkington on 3/29/20: “We are doing our best to limit appearances of out-of-custody defendants and rescheduling such appearances. We also are trying to move in-custody appearances into mid-May.”

Jury Trials:

Vacated and continued unless speedy trial constraints require trial or judicial officer finds exigent circumstances in consultation with the Chief Judge. Jurors will no longer be summoned for jury trials set through **May 15, 2020**. See [CJO Order 2020-07](#).

Arrest Warrants:

Through May 1, 2020, Police officers are not obligated to execute outstanding warrants unless the warrants includes an offense listed in [C.R.S. § 24-4.1-302\(1\)](#). If an individual is not arrested,

they should be advised of the outstanding warrant and encouraged to take care of it. See [CJO Order 2020-04 \(Revised\)](#).

District Court Cases:

See below for Division specific information

Criminal Docket Days (Mondays): In-Custody defendants will continue to appear, but matters will be set after May 1, 2020. Out-of-custody defendants will be rescheduled.

Other trials, hearings, conferences or other matters will be vacated and continued unless a telephonic appearance would be appropriate.

Juvenile Court Cases:

Most matters will be continued and vacated, but emergency matters requiring immediate action shall be designated to a judicial officer and the need for a hearing will be reviewed with the Chief Judge.

Magistrate Cases:

The following matters will be heard:

1. Temporary protective custody;
2. Juvenile detentions;
3. Temporary civil protection orders;
4. Motions to restrict parenting time; and
5. Emergency issues limited to access to minor children or critical family support.

Juvenile delinquency trials: Vacated and continued unless speedy trial constraints require trial or exigent circumstances are found by judicial officer in consultation with Chief Judge.

Dependency and Neglect Cases:

Cases with statutory deadlines will be heard as paper reviews unless exigent circumstances exist. **A separate, joint plan was to be issued by March 23, 2020.** *This plan has not been received.*

All other matters are vacated and continued.

Jefferson County Criminal Cases:

See below for Division specific information

Criminal Docket days: In-Custody defendants will continue to appear, but matters will be set after May 1, 2020. Out-of-custody defendants will be rescheduled. The Court will offer option of extending court appearance through written acknowledgment and waiver of speedy trial without need to appear before May 1, 2020.

Day duty 10 a.m. advisements: in-custody defendants will be advised via video conference, and out-of-custody defendants set for return of filing of charges or return on felony summons will be given a PH/DH date.

Day duty 1:15 p.m. traffic/misdemeanor arraignments: defendants may appear as schedule, or defendants may appear eight weeks from the date and time schedule for arraignment.

Gilpin County Criminal Cases:

Criminal docket days: Judicial officers will continue to see in-custody defendants. Out-of-custody defendants have been vacated and continued.

Problem Solving Courts:

All dockets are vacated and continued. Participants will continue to be monitored. In-custody defendants will appear in court shortly after acceptance into problem solving court. Screens will still be ordered.

Truancy Court:

Vacated for the remainder of the academic year.

Probation:

Clients will be supervised; probation staffing will be reduced; and officers will no longer appear in court unless required for revocation hearings for in-custody defendants or otherwise ordered.

Community Corrections:

Per Judge Randall on 3/26/20:

1. They currently have no positive COVID -19 cases in the Kendall Street or ICCS – West facility (of course that they know of)
2. They are following full protocols inside the facility including cleaning, gloves, social distancing in the cafeteria's and day rooms, etc.
3. They are not allowing visitors at this time.
4. They have identified quarantine rooms and procedures if necessary, including food delivery to inmates.
5. They will continue to accept new residents into the facilities for Diversion and Transition cases only if they have been accepted and are in the pipeline currently, maintaining social distancing in the transport van, etc.
6. Anyone accepted from today forward will not be transitioned into the facility for at least the next two weeks, this includes Diversion and Transition cases.

Transportation and Writs:

Per Judge Pilkington on 3/29/20: "I don't believe the writ situation is absolutely clear. It seems that most counties (including Jefferson) are not honoring writs at this time. Further, it appears that DOC is not taking new sentences at this time."

Jail Visits & Communication: Individual Judicial Officers Guides and Procedures:

Deputy Wells is at the lobby desk as normal and says they plan on keeping someone at the front desk like normal. He will let you in the front door, and take letters you want to drop off for clients. He is answering the desk phone also. **If you need to call the number is: 303-271-5409.** He said they will keep doing interoffice mail as normal. The only people they are letting do visits are attorneys. You can visit like normal—he will let you in the front door. Visiting clients through the glass window and phone booth is available.

Securus calls are \$9.99 per half hour and indicate not monitored or recorded.

Individual Judicial Officers Guides and Procedures

Jefferson County District Court

Division 1/Judge Oeffler

TBD

Division 2/Judge Bachmeyer

Division Clerk: Sarah Ouerfelli | sarah.ouerfelli@judicial.state.co.us

Email from clerk on 3/30/20: “As for procedures yes those are basically the same as ours right now (indicating as articulated by Judge Klein). All in custodys will remain set unless a motion is filed. If a deft wants to continue an arrg or anything set before a not guilty plea has entered we have a stipulation form that i can send out that needs DA signature, deft counsel and deft signatures with the new court date(a may or June docket day). The Judge wants a consent of surety filed with those as well if deft is on bond. We will cont PTCF and motions hearing as well with motions filed but same thing she wants consent of surety filed with a waiver of speedy. At this point she will continue most anything you just need to file a motion and she will issue an order with that she wants filed in order to officially continue the court date.”

Division 3/Judge Pilkington

Division Clerk: Francine Bargas | francine.bargas@judicial.state.co.us

Email from clerk to PD: “So we will still be holding docket as scheduled. We will be seeing all in-custody defendants and still trying to reset out of custodies to May 11th or May 26th or even into June if possible. We are still asking that Stipulations be used on first Arraignments or when possible for continuances. The judge has asked that a waiver of speedy trial be signed by both counsel and the defendant at this time if filing a Motion. I hope this information helps and I’m hoping things will become less chaotic as we go. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns and I will get back to you as soon as I am able. Hope everyone is well. This information applies to division 3.”

PD indicates that court has been very amenable to continuances

Division 4/Judge Russell:

Division Clerk: lindsey.white@judicial.state.co.us | 720-772-2619

No specific procedure or guideline

Per the assigned public defender, "I have been filling out this attached form digitally and filing it if I get a hold of my client. I simply talk to my client, give them a docket day in late May to appear and then sign their name: /s/ client name. Divisions 4/12 have been accepting these and resetting the court dates for all out of custody defendants." Attached form is attached blank setting form.

Division 4 is letting ADC appear by phone upon request (from the public defender)

Division 5/Judge Lochary

Division Clerk: Michele Harry | michele.harry@judicial.state.co.us

Email from clerk to PD: "I spoke to Judge Lochary. Docket will proceed much like last Monday. Parties are encouraged to set out continuances to May 26th or June 8th, if these stipulations can be agreed upon prior to docket with signatures from both defense attorney and client on the Notice of Criminal Setting Sheet previously emailed to you. The court will accept filings and reset the matter to the agreed upon date. The court will be taking precautions in re: amount of people inside the courtroom at one time. This may mean all defendants on bond will be sitting in the hall and be called in by their defense attorney one by one. In addition, the court is expecting a surge of FTA's during this time. An addendum to my previous email, if speedy is currently running on cases where a stipulated continuance is requested- a waiver of speedy would also need to be signed. This is located on the bottom half of the notice of criminal setting order. To reiterate- if a waiver of speedy and/or a stipulated continuance is requested and filed into the case. Please email me on what date the continuance is for and how you contacted your client re: the waiving of speedy trial."

Division 6/Judge Zenisek

Division Clerk: Eileen Kraus | eileen.kraus@judicial.state.co.us

You are receiving this e-mail because you have one or more clients set for appearance in Division 6 on March 30, 2020. I anticipate these procedures will continue through April 30, 2020. I'm certain you all have heard of the efforts to limit physical appearances in court, and we will take this very seriously while continuing to administer cases as needed.

In an effort to do this, please note:

1. All in-custody matters are expected to proceed as normal. If there are motions to continue, we will consider them as they are filed and on the merits.

2. All out of custody cases will proceed as follows:
 - a. Arraignments: We strongly recommend a continuance of any out-of-custody arraignment. To do so, please file a brief written motion to continue, and include an acknowledgement that the client will be advised of a continued date. (The motion is necessary in order to docket and document the continued date). Once granted, the attorney and client need not appear until the continued date.
 - b. Pre-trial conferences if trial is not set: These settings may be continued, but they require a brief written motion and waiver of speedy trial signed by the client. If granted, the attorney and client need not appear until the continued date, which will be held no later than May 14.
 - c. Pre-trial conferences with trial and motions set: These may be continued or vacated by motion as arraignments are (paragraph a above). Absent order otherwise, the motions and trial settings will remain.
 - d. Sentencing: These may be continued on a case-by-case basis, when appropriate.
 - e. Probation violation review: These may be continued by written motion. Absent special considerations that require immediacy, the continuances will be granted.
3. We will work on cases that are presently set for trial in March or April on a case-by-case basis, per the Chief Judge's Order.
4. Please confer with opposing counsel on all continuance requests (especially sentencing), and please be available to confer with each other, electronically or by phone. Generally, unopposed motions will receive the fastest consideration.
5. The Court must give VRA consideration in appropriate cases. Please be mindful of this limitation and provide for appropriate time if VRA compliance is needed.
6. We will have an extra docket day (focused on out-of-custody) on May 14, 2020. These continued proceedings will be set on that date unless otherwise requested and granted.
7. In appropriate cases, bond modification may be appropriate. If the parties agree, please indicate the same and the Court will review as quickly as possible. If there are disagreements, bond arguments will be held pursuant to standard procedures.
8. In appropriate cases, dispositions will be considered even if the disposition cut-off date has expired.
9. We are operating on reduced staff. Please limit phone or e-mail contact with staff such that it is only used when needed. Please also understand any delay in getting back to you given our limitations.

Division 7/Judge Tighe

TBD

Division 8/Judge Klein:

Division Clerk: Samantha Fagerman | 720-772-2635 | samantha.fagerman@judicial.state.co.us

You are receiving this e-mail because you may have one or more clients set for appearance in Division 8 in an upcoming docket day. I anticipate these procedures will continue through April 30, 2020.

You have likely by now heard of the efforts to limit physical appearances in court due to COVID-19, and we will take this very seriously while continuing to administer cases as needed.

In an effort to do this, please note:

1. All in-custody matters are expected to proceed as normal. If there are motions to continue, we will consider them as they are filed and on the merits. Please note that writ's are currently not being honored and those hearings will need to be continued.
2. All out-of-custody cases will proceed as follows:
 - a. Arraignments: We strongly recommend a continuance of any out-of-custody arraignment. To do so, please file a brief written motion to continue, and include an acknowledgment that the client will be advised of a continued date. (The motion is necessary in order to docket and document the continued date). Once granted, the attorney and client need not appear until the continued date. If you are seeking such a continuance for the upcoming April 6 docket, please let Sam know by e-mail as there is often a delay in e-filed documents being sent to the Division's inbox. In that instance, we will call the case to note that an extension has been filed and will be granted. If you notify the Division by the morning of April 6 and the motion is filed by that morning, the attorney and client need not appear until the continued date.
 - b. Pre-trial conferences if trial is not set: These settings may be continued, but they will require a brief written motion and a waiver of speedy trial signed by the client. If granted, the attorney and client need not appear until the continued date, which we anticipate will be in May.
 - c. Pre-trial conferences with trial and motions set: These may be continued or vacated by motion in the same manner as arraignments (paragraph "a" above).
 - d. Sentencing: These may be continued on a case-by-case basis, as appropriate.
 - e. Probation violation review: These may be continued by written motion. Absent special considerations that require immediate review, the continuances will be granted.
3. We will work on cases that are presently set for trial and/or motions hearings on a case-by-case basis, per the Chief Judge Orders.
4. Please confer with opposing counsel on all continuance requests (especially sentencing), and please be available to confer with each other, electronically or by phone. Generally, unopposed motions will receive the fastest consideration.
5. The Court must give VRA consideration in appropriate cases. Please be mindful of this limitation and provide for appropriate time if VRA compliance is needed.
6. The Division will look into the possibility of scheduling an extra off-docket docket day in May assuming the restrictions imposed by the Chief Judge Orders are not extended. This potential off-docket docket day would be focused on out-of-custody cases with the intent of managing the flow of matters being set in May.

7. In appropriate cases, bond modification may be appropriate. If the parties agree, please indicate the same and the Court will review as quickly as possible. If there are disagreements, bond argument will be held pursuant to standard procedures. The Court must and will continue to give consideration to the VRA in appropriate cases.
8. In appropriate cases, dispositions will be considered even if the disposition cut-off date has expired.
9. All other restrictions imposed by the Chief Judge Orders (2020-03) will remain in place. This means that individuals exhibiting signs of COVID-19 may be denied entry to the court. In the event that you or your client is denied entry into the Court due to COVID-19 please let Sam know as soon as possible.
10. We are operating on reduced staff. Please keep that in mind when reaching out to Division and court staff. Please understand that any delay in getting back to you during this period is driven by the current staffing situation.

[Division 9/ Judge Arp](#)

Division Clerk: Tanairi Fontes | tanairi.fontes2@judicial.state.co.us

March 24 Email: Attached you will find a blank criminal setting slip. This slip is to be used for a waiver of speedy and/or for purposes of setting matter to either May 4th or May 18th at either 8AM or 1PM only. Both attorney and defendant have to sign the setting slip. In addition, the Court is asking for a brief motion to continue to be filed alongside the notice. Additionally, the scheduled event the defendant is currently set for should be the same indicated on the slip (Arraignment, Pre-Trial Conference, Review Hearing, Sentencing etc.).

Parties are to confer with opposing counsel on all continuance requests. Unopposed motions will receive the fastest consideration. The Court is asking that only a signed notice of criminal setting slip is filed alongside the motion to continue if the motion is unopposed. A motion that is opposed will remain set for the current hearing.

Victim Right cases should be conferred and also follow the same procedure above.

If a defendant has an active warrant the defendant and attorney are required to appear, bond and/or warrant will be taken up at that time.

If a matter is set for a Pre-Trial Conference and motion hearing, parties are required to appear unless speedy is waived with proper notice and motion. The motions hearing currently set will be vacated and a new one will need to be selected. Please keep in mind that the Motion Hearing should be set after the new scheduled Pre-Trial Conference, but before a new docket. Below you will find a list of Motion Hearings only for those that are willing to continue the pre-trial conference currently set for either April 6th or April 20th:

- May 7th at 1:30PM (4)
- May 14th at 1:30PM (4)
- May 15th at 1:30PM (3)
- May 21st at 1:30PM (4)

- May 22nd at 1:30PM (4)
- May 29th at 1:30PM (4)

If a matter is set for a Jury Trial now through May 1st and the defendant is willing to waive speedy, below you will find new possible dates for the commencement of trial. Please confer with each other and then notify what day has been agreed upon. I do not need to be Carbon Copied to the email exchange.

2-Day Jury Trials:

- May 19, 2020
- June 25, 2020
- July 9, 2020

3-Day Jury Trials:

- May 11, 2020
- June 2, 2020
- June 30, 2020

4-Day Jury Trials:

- July 14, 2020
- July 20, 2020
- July 28, 2020

If matters are currently set for Sentencing on a off docket day and are in-custody, we will proceed to sentencing. If a defendant is out on bond, the matter can be continued with the same method listed above. Below you will find off docket days for these hearings:

- May 6th at 1:00PM
- May 7th at 1:00PM
- May 12th at 8:00AM or 1:00PM
- May 13th at 1:00PM
- May 14th at 1:00PM

If a defendant is taking a plea, the defendant has to be present and a plea will not be taken via phone.

Please have unopposed motions and notices filed no later than four days prior to the currently set hearing.

We are operating on reduced staff, so please limit contact with division 9. Please also understand any delay in getting back to you given our limitations. If another matter is brought up that is important, please do not hesitate to reach out, but just understand I will not be available immediately to respond. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Division 10/Judge Meinster (Juvenile)

TBD

Division 12/Judge McNulty

Division Clerk: Tanette Thurston | tanette.thurston@judicial.state.co.us

March 30th email - I anticipate these procedures will continue through the end of April 2020. I'm certain you all have heard of the efforts to limit physical appearances in court, and we will take this very seriously while continuing to administer cases as needed. In an effort to do this, please note:

1. All in-custody matters are expected to proceed as normal. If there are motions to continue, we will consider them as they are filed and on the merits.
2. All out of custody cases will proceed as follows:
 - a. Arraignments: We strongly recommend a continuance of any out-of-custody arraignment. To do so, please file a brief written motion to continue, and include an acknowledgement that the client will be advised of a continued date. (The motion is necessary in order to docket and document the continued date). Once granted, the attorney and client need not appear until the continued date.
 - b. Pre-trial conferences if trial is not set: These settings may be continued, but they require a brief written motion and waiver of speedy trial signed by the client. If granted, the attorney and client need not appear until the continued date, which will be held no later than May 11.
 - c. Sentencing and status conferences on trials set in April or May: These will proceed unless good cause exists.
 - d. Probation violation review: These may be continued by written motion. Absent special considerations that require immediacy, the continuances will be granted.
3. We will work on cases that are presently set for trial in March or April on a case-by-case basis, per the Chief Judge's Order.
4. Please confer with opposing counsel on all continuance requests (especially sentencing), and please be available to confer whether electronically or by phone. Generally, unopposed motions will receive the fastest consideration.
5. We are operating on reduced staff. Please limit phone or e-mail contact with staff such that it is only used when needed. Please also understand any delay in getting back to you given our limitations.
6. We will not continue matters longer than May 26, 2020.
7. The Court needs to know no later than the Thursday before docket day at noon if you are requesting a continuance.
8. Some writs will be cancelled according to the above procedures.

Division 14/Judge Hunt

TBD

Gilpin County Court

Per the PD, no specific procedures or guidelines in courtroom. It is his sense all out of custody clients are being continued in some fashion and in-custody clients are proceeding as scheduled.

County Court*

- Operating on limited hours – morning only.
- All court appearances are occurring in 1B with limited participants
- In-custody clients appear on video and a secure line is used that allows lawyer to speak with the client if in courtroom

7:30 – 9 am: A judge will hear add-ons or in-custody misdemeanor pleas

9 – 10: A judge will hear PH issues if necessary

10: Bond advisements

All out of custody clients are continued for 8 weeks

You can reset with clerk via phone, email or appear at 1B window

*There is no official or written policy and this information comes from the PD county court rover.

2nd Judicial District

Effective immediately, the security screening stations will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse. Security screening will continue to be open Wednesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. A security screening line has been dedicated for attorneys presenting attorney registration cards, and for members of the public who are not bringing briefcases, bags, backpacks, etc. into the courthouse.

Clerk's Office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except legal holidays.

→ Entrance may be denied to those exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

Matters essential to public safety, necessary and essential to prevent a substantial risk to the health, safety or welfare of any individual or the community at large will continue to be addressed.

Denver County Court General Sessions and Criminal courtrooms and offices located at the Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse are **closed to the Public**. Denver County Court will hold all essential criminal custodial hearings at the Van Cise-Simonet Detention Center.

REMOTE HEARINGS

COURTROOM 5C & JUVENILE REMOTE HEARINGS
ARE BEING HANDLED VIA WEBEX.
DENVER CC REMOTE APPEARANCES ARE BEING
HANDLED VIA SKYPE.

Courtroom 5C WebEx hearings: Click "Join a Meeting." Enter 925 495 517 as the access code to connect. If you do not have the app, you will be given a phone number to call in. Enter in the above access code, then hit "#" as participant ID.

Skype Hearings: You will receive an invite from 2100 or 2300 at the approximate hearing time in order to connect.

Chief Judge Order and Operations Announcements:

[Colorado Judicial Branch](#) page for 2nd JD

[Chief Judge Order 2020-01](#): Amended Administrative Order Regarding Court Operations Under COVID-19 Advisory

[Joint Administrative Order 2020-02](#): COVID-19 Joint Warrants Summons for misdemeanor and general sessions warrants ONLY.

[Denver County Court](#) page

[Denver County Court – Amended Administrative Order](#): Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19 and the Related Coronavirus

[Denver Juvenile Court](#) page

[Juvenile Court Presiding Judge Order](#)

Jury Trials:

All jury calls are suspended through May 15, 2020, except for those criminal trials facing imminent speedy trial deadlines.

Arrest Warrants & Summons:

Summons in lieu of initial arrest for all cases heard in our courts unless victim or public safety may be compromised, or in cases described in CRS § 24-4.1-302. See Order 2020-02.

If a law enforcement officer employed by a law enforcement agency located in the City and County of Denver, Colorado contacts an individual who has an active arrest or bench warrant issued by the Denver County Court, the officer is not required to execute the warrant and arrest that individual, unless the arrest or bench warrant includes a Victims Rights Amendment (“VRA”) offense listed in C.R.S. § 24-4.1-302. See Order 2020-02.

Denver County Warrants: Defendants who wish to address active warrants for failure to appear or comply may do so by calling (720) 337-0062.

Law Enforcement has been authorized to grant Command Personal Recognizance Bonds under certain criteria. See [Command PR Bonds Directive](#).

District Court Cases:

All criminal divisions are operating as “virtual courtrooms.” Remote appearances are being handled via WebEx.

Juvenile Court Cases:

Clerk’s Office will remain open, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. but with reduced access to the lobby.

All appearances shall be conducted via WebEx. The court will initiate the hearing based on contact information provided by the parties.

Motions and pleadings shall be emailed to DenverJuvenileSubmissions@judicial.state.co.us. A “lock box” will be placed outside the clerk’s office for in-person filing. Pleadings may also be mailed. Time frames for filing pleadings are suspended until May 18, 2020. For more information, see [Temporary E-Mail Filing & Clerk’s Office Operations](#).

In-person visitation is suspended until further notice, but visitation by phone/video chat shall continue. Family engagement meetings shall be conducted by electronic means.

Placement reviews: On a case-by-case basis, the court shall determine whether a forthwith hearing by electronic means is necessary.

Duty to confer: Parties shall confer by electronic or other means before bringing a matter to court.

See [Order](#).

Dependency and Neglect Cases:

Denver County Cases:

In-person proceedings are suspended through May 31, 2020 except:

1. Proceedings necessary to protect constitutional rights of criminal defendants, including bond related matters and plea agreements for incarcerated individuals;
2. Proceedings related to advisement of incarcerated individuals entitled to a Preliminary Hearing;
3. Proceedings related to in-custody Criminal and General Sessions matters;
4. Proceedings related to relief from abuse, including but not limited to orders of protection;
5. Proceedings related to petitions for temporary injunctive relief;
6. Proceedings necessary to resolve speedy trial related issues will be handled on a case by case basis by the assigned Judge

All Specialty Court dockets, including Outreach Court, shall be postponed and rescheduled to a date after May 31, 2020, unless conducted via remote access

Probation: All defendants who are on probation are hereby permitted a reprieve from meeting with probation officers in person. However, such defendants are ORDERED to remain in contact with their probation officers remotely be it by email, phone, video or as otherwise directed by the officer until May 31, 2020.

All criminal, general sessions, and traffic defendants set for final hearing or trial may file motions to continue with a waiver of speedy trial rights.

Alternative methods of signing, delivery and service of court documents and orders shall be permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, facsimile signatures, electronic signatures and proxy signatures. Necessary and appropriate findings of such alternative method shall be made on the record.

Traffic cases: defendants are encouraged to resolve tickets either through the court's website [HERE](#), or through the court's plea by email option [HERE](#); For traffic citations with an appearance date within the effective date of this order, the appearance date will be rescheduled until after May 31, 2020.

Problem Solving Courts:

All review dockets are vacated through May 15, 2020.

All client groups or support meetings held at Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse are suspended.

Defendants referred to the DIVERT program will be exempt from serving the 90-day jail sentence with RISE as a condition of sentence until further notice.

Truancy Court:

Probation:

The offices of Denver Adult Probation are closed to the public as of March 25th, 2020 until further notice. However, Denver Adult Probation continues to provide essential services via phone and other technology. The PSI unit will continue to provide reports for the courts and will conduct interviews over the phone or via other technology as possible. Current clients will be supervised using social distancing strategies that involve the use of e-mail, Skype, the phone and other technological solutions. Clients who are nearing the end of their probation term and are compliant with probation conditions will be terminated from probation to reduce caseloads for officers. Probation revocations will only be filed on cases in which the client is determined to be dangerous and/or a threat to public safety. Community based services will be used as available. Telehealth and other models for service delivery are being explored.

Return on summons for Probation revocation appearances should be set at least eight weeks out to assist with minimizing docket size and decreasing in-person appearances.

Community Corrections:

Transportation and Writs:

All writs are suspended until May 31, 2020, apart from individual Judicial Officer discretion.

Defendants in Jail & Pre-trial release:

Defendants with less than 30 days remaining on imposed sentences, currently serving work release sentences, or determined to be an at-risk defendant based on health factors continue to be identified by attorneys and submitted to the Court for review and release, where appropriate.

Modification to the pre-advisement release criteria increasing the number of detainees eligible for unsecured PR bond to include persons with conviction of Class 1 misdemeanor within two years or felony within five years, persons Page 5 of 6 who fail to appear on bond in any case involving a felony or Class 1 misdemeanor in the preceding five years.

Jail Visits & Communication:

Denver Jails will only be doing visits on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Every Thursday by 8am, if you have a client you want to visit the next week, please send an email to maria@coloradoadc.com. Include the client's name, booking number (if you have it), in which facility your client resides, your email address and/or phone number, your registration number, whether you need a video visit or a phone call will do, and how long you anticipate the visit will last. Maria will consolidate the requests, and forward it to the point person at the Sheriff's Department before the close of business Thursday. They will then figure out who needs calls of which kind and where the clients are located, and try to place clients in rooms at the appropriate times so you can have a confidential visit with your client.

Please do not schedule a visit on the day your client goes to court.

Specific Procedures for Divisions/Courtrooms:

Courtrooms 2100 and 2300:

Denver County Court will be hearing in custody matters only until further notice. All in custody matters will be held in courtroom 2100 and 2300 at the Van Cise-Simonet Downtown Detention Facility.

All attorneys will appear remotely through Skype Invitation. All inmates will be brought to 2100 and 2300 and remain behind glass. Judge and Clerks will be the only parties inside the courtroom.

Court Docket Scheduling by Case/Hearing Type

Courtroom 2100:

Morning: Misdo duty and first appearances, state PD and DA for that docket

Afternoon: 1 pm - GS duty and first appearances, CA and muni PD

Courtroom 2300:

Morning: Felony advisements (1st and 2nd)

Afternoon: 1 pm start time – PH docket

Courtroom main phone numbers to inform court staff that defense/client are ready to resume court if confidential consultation is needed during hearing:

- Courtroom 2100: 720-337-0082
- Courtroom 2300: 720-337-0078

GS docket arraignment docket will be on the 2100 line at about 11:30. Attorneys are to call in and they will bring folks to the phone as opposed to a room. Same for 2300 for state cases. For arraignment dockets, conflict counsel will be using the 2nd floor phones, same as the PDs. For other cases on duty, etc., please feel free to call Captain Hall and he will figure out how to connect those attorneys with their clients.

Attorneys should call the following numbers in order to speak to their clients (pre-court).

2nd Floor:

Room # Interview room A 7/337-0569 (2100)

Room # Interview room D 7/337-0582 (2300)

Denver Courtroom 5C

All dockets will be held virtually through WebEx. When you download the app, you will have the option to “Join a Meeting.” In that bar, you will type in the 5C Virtual Courtroom number: 925 495 517.

Speaking with Clients in the Virtual Courtroom: If you need to speak with your client off the record, you will pass the case as you normally would in docket. Then you will simply “leave” the meeting and communicate with your client over the phone. When you are ready to recall the case, you will log back into the meeting.

Pleas for Misdemeanors: The Court is planning to take misdemeanors plea orally, without the aid of plea paperwork. Please note: having the add/dismiss documents uploaded prior to calling the case is extremely helpful for courtroom staff.

Pleas for Felonies: We are still working on how exactly the paperwork for a felony plea will be handled. In some courtrooms, courtroom staff are planning to print out the paperwork for the defendant to sign while the defense attorney advises via telephone. We do not yet know if this is possible for an in-custody defendant, and how we would provide a sanitary and private phone line for the defense attorney and client to speak outside the presence of the Court and record.

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Jury Trials:

Community Corrections:

Transportation and Writs:

Denver County Court: All Writs of Habeas Corpus through May 31, 2020 shall be vacated and re-issued for a date after May 31, 2020

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8th Judicial District

Limited operations.

Larimer County Justice Center hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except legal holidays.

Jackson County clerk's office hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Loveland Police and Courts building: CLOSED. Court operations will be transferred to Larimer County Justice Center. E-filings accepted but may be delayed.

Paper filings related to essential proceedings will be accepted. All others will not be accepted until May 15, 2020.

→ Entrance may be denied to those exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

Pursuant to CJO 2020-03, except for essential proceedings, all appearances scheduled through May 15, 2020 will be VACATED and CONTINUED.

REMOTE
HEARINGS &
CLIENT
CONSULTATION

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN HEARINGS AND SPEAK WITH YOUR CLIENT VIA WEBEX. DOWNLOAD WEBEX. CLICK [HERE](#) FOR INSTRUCTIONS. WHEN YOU OPEN THE APPLICATION AND LOG ON YOU WILL SEE A PROMPT SAYING "JOIN THE MEETING". IN THE BOX YOU NEED TO PUT THE ACCESS CODE FOR THE COURTROOM YOU ARE TRYING TO JOIN. CLICK [HERE](#) FOR ACCESS CODES.

Remote hearings began 3/31/20. The court was having trouble connecting due to limited bandwidth and brought defendants to courthouse. Updates on this system will be included here when received.

Chief Judge Order and Operations Announcements:

[Colorado Judicial Branch](#) page for 8th JD

[Administrative Order 2020 – 2](#): Administrative Order Regarding Limited Court Operations Related to COVID-19

Jury Trials:

All jury trials set through May 15, 2020 are vacated and will be reset, except those facing imminent speedy trial deadlines. Counsel and defendant shall appear at the time and place scheduled for trial.

Probation & Pre-Sentence Reports:

Probation offices will be closed for face-to-face contact until May 15, 2020. People should make contact by phone or e-mail. 8th District Probation Offices (970) 494-3900 or 8ProbationRequest@judicial.state.co.us.

PSI's: Out-of-Custody clients should **immediately** contact Probation at (970) 494-3901 after directed to obtain a PSI. PSI's will be delay due to the roadblocks of COVID-19.

Jail Visits & Communication:

Jail Visits: You can do video visits with your client through IC Solutions. Once you get your account set up, call Vicky at the jail to have your account set to attorney.

For Remote Hearings: if you want to speak to your client you just need to advise the court. At that time mute your computer and call one of the numbers listed below. The Sheriff deputy will mute the video at the jail and you will have time to talk to your client. The two phone numbers are 498-5280 for County Court, 498-5281 for District Court.

Individual Judicial Officers Guides and Procedures:

Contact: [Larimer County Judges and Staff](#)

Larimer County Court will be in 5A.

District court will be in 3A on Mondays and Wednesdays, including 3B and 3C dockets, and in 4A on Tuesdays and Thursdays, including 5C and 4C dockets.

1A will remain as it is.

VRA cases set for proceedings under Crim. P. 43(f)(2) (attached) will be transported to court.

Non-VRA cases and VRA cases not set for proceedings under Crim. P. 43(f)(2) will be done remotely.

PAPERWORK REQUIRING A SIGNATURE BY DEFENDANTS: Contact court by 12:00 p.m. the day before court. The Judge will review and if necessary, will ask the Sheriff to bring the defendant to the courthouse to sign paperwork.

Judge Berenato is not requiring signed plea agreements by in-custody defendants, except for deferred sentence agreements.

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