



**JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER** 20-102

**SUBJECT:** 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Operations Under COVID-19 Advisory

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**To:** All Judicial Officers, Court Executive, Clerk of Court, Court Staff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Boulder County Bar Association, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Staff, Community Justice Services, County Attorney, Sheriff, Jail, Law Enforcement

**From:** Ingrid S. Bakke  
Chief Judge

**DATE:** March 20, 2020

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This order replaces 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Administrative Order 20-102 dated March 17, 2020.

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In light of the public health risk posed by the Novel Coronavirus and COVID-19 and the advisories and orders from the Center for Disease Control, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the local public health departments, recommending active steps to slow the spread of the disease and precautions to reduce the risk of exposure, effective immediately the Courts and Probation of the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District will maintain limited operations and focus on matters of immediate concern for public safety.

Pursuant to the authority granted in Chief Justice Directive 95-01 and Chief Justice Orders dated March 16, 2020 and March 20, 2020, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

The Longmont Courthouse, 1035 Kimbark Street, Longmont, will be closed to the public through April 17, 2020. All public safety matters meeting the below criteria should be directed to the Boulder Justice Center.

The Boulder Justice Center, 1777 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Boulder, will operate with limited operations through April 17, 2020. The courts will continue to conduct hearings on public safety matters. All other non-emergency hearings will be rescheduled by the court for dates after May 31, 2020.

**Public safety matters are limited to the following:**

- **Petitions for temporary civil protection orders and permanent protection order hearings;**
- **Petitions for temporary emergency risk protection orders and hearings on emergency risk protection orders;**
- **Criminal Procedure Rule 5 advisement for incarcerated persons and the initial setting of bail;**
- **Revocation hearings on complaints to revoke probation involving an incarcerated defendant;**

- Proceedings necessary to protect the constitutional rights of criminal defendants including bond-related matters and plea agreements for incarcerated individuals;
- Detention hearings for juvenile delinquency cases;
- Emergency and statutorily required hearings in dependency and neglect cases or other juvenile proceedings;
- Petitions for appointment of an emergency guardian and/or special conservator;
- Hearings on motions to restrict parenting time and parental abduction prevention;
- Emergency mental health proceedings;
- Other proceedings deemed necessary by 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.

All District Court jury trials, March 18 – May 15, 2020 have been postponed. All County Court jury trials, March 18 – May 31, 2020 have been postponed. All jurors who received a summons for those dates have been excused and their service is complete.

All warrants will be handled electronically using the 2020 On Call List and the electronic warrant process.

Forms for filing protection orders are available on the Colorado Judicial Branch web page at: <https://www.courts.state.co.us/>. The public is encouraged to complete forms before appearing at the Boulder Justice Center to file documents.

**PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE BOULDER JUSTICE CENTER** if any of the conditions below exist. Entry to the Justice Center may be denied.

- (1) you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 (“Novel Coronavirus”) and you have not received a subsequent test confirming that you are currently virus-free;
- (2) you have been in direct contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past fourteen days;
- (3) you are experiencing a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other respiratory illness symptoms;
- (4) you have travelled out of the county in the last 14 days.

Social Distancing shall be maintained with respect to all in-person activities within the Justice Center.

  
Hon. Ingrid S. Bakke  
Chief Judge  
Twentieth Judicial District