



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
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The Boulder District Attorney's Office developed this Resource and Information Guide to address questions and concerns with operations and services during the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate that this is a challenging time for everyone and presents additional difficulties and frustrations for victims of crimes and witnesses in criminal cases. The District Attorney's Office remains open and available to assist victims and witnesses in navigating this difficult period.

**Delayed Court Proceedings**

Many scheduled court hearings have been delayed in the interest of ensuring public safety. The Victim Witness Unit staff are actively contacting victims and witnesses to provide updates. We appreciate your patience as we as a community work through this health crisis.

**Safety and Health Measures**

*Virtual Appearances*

The District Attorney's Office has worked with the court system to establish several alternatives to traditional court room procedures. These precautions and preventative measures are designed to ensure the safety of all participants in the criminal justice system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many victims and witnesses can appear electronically for court hearings, by phone or video, to maintain social distancing. Our attorneys and the Victim Witness Unit staff are available to explain this process in detail for each case and court appearance.

*In Person Appearances*

For those victims or witnesses who must appear in person, additional precautions are being taken to ensure safety. Masks and social distancing are required in the courthouse. Hand sanitizer is readily available. When scheduling appointments to visit the District Attorney's Office/Courthouse, the following screening questions are being asked in preparation for screening by Court Security at the main entrance of the Justice Center/Courthouse:

1. Have you traveled outside the United States in the last 14 days?
2. Have you had a temperature above 100.4 in the last week?
3. Have you had a cough or any other respiratory conditions to include shortness of breath in the last week?
4. Any other flu like symptoms?
5. Have you been in direct contact with someone diagnosed with COVID 19 in the past 14 days?

To ensure a safe environment for all visitors, only people who have confirmed they are symptom and exposure free will be present in the building. Finally, because of electronic appearances and the rescheduling of many cases, the number of people in the courthouse has been significantly reduced.

*Appearances on Subpoenas*

Please be aware that the Court requires some hearings and all jury trials to be held in person with live testimony from all witnesses. One of the core foundations of our Constitution is trials by jury, and such trials must continue to be held. If you receive a subpoena to testify, we will contact you to inform you of expectations and any scheduling changes as the case moves forward. Given the health concerns and number of people involved in any particular case, we may confront additional scheduling issues. The District Attorney’s Office is committed to working with you to provide as much flexibility as allowed by the circumstances of the case and governing orders.

**You Can Directly Contact the Victim Witness Unit**

If you have questions or concerns, our Victim Witness Unit staff remains available to victims of crimes and witnesses. Victims and witnesses can directly contact the Victim Witness Unit using the contact information below. In order to connect you to the correct Victim Witness Unit staff member, please include your name, case number, and contact information.

**Phone:** 303.441.3794

**Email:** [victimwitness@bouldercounty.org](mailto:victimwitness@bouldercounty.org)

**Our Commitment to Victims and Witnesses**

It remains a priority for the District Attorney’s Office to reach a just result in every criminal case, and to support victims of crimes and witnesses who perform a vital function in our justice system. We will continue to serve the public through this difficult time in the safest and most efficient manner possible and we will work to ensure victims and witnesses remain informed and supported.

**Additional Community Resources**

**24 Hour Crisis Lines**

- Colorado Crisis Services.....844.493.8255
- Safehouse Progressive Alliance  
for Nonviolence.....303.444.2424
- Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley.....303.772.4422
- Moving to End Sexual Assault.....303.443.7300
- National Suicide Prevention Line....800.273.8255

**Financial Assistance**

- Emergency Family Assistance.....303.442.3042
- OUR Center (Longmont).....303.772.5529
- Sister Carmen (Lafayette).....303.665.4342
- Application for state resources at:  
[www.colorado.gov/PEAK](http://www.colorado.gov/PEAK)

**Criminal Justice Contacts**

- Boulder County Jail.....303.441.4600
- Inmate Custody Status.....888.263.8463
- Community Justice Services.....303.441.3690
- Coroner's Office.....303.441.3535
- Juvenile Detention.....303.441.3690
- Probation Victim Assistance.....303.441.3724

**Support Services**

- Asian Pacific
- Development Center.....303.923.2920
- Blue Sky Bridge.....303.444.1388
- C.U. Office of Victim Assistance.....303.492.8855
- Dept. of Housing and  
Human Services .....303.441.1000
- Mental Health Partners.....303.443.8500
- TRU Community Care.....303.442.0961