

STATE OF COLORADO
7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DELTA, GUNNISON, HINSDALE, MONTROSE, OURAY & SAN MIGUEL

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-15 RE: CONTINUING COURT OPERATIONS UNDER COVID-19 ADVISORY

The 7th Judicial District has been operating under Administrative Order 2020-03 Re: Court Operations Under COVID-19 Advisory since March 18, 2020. As the Courts of the 7th Judicial District begin transition under COVID-19 to in-person hearings, the following is hereby ordered:

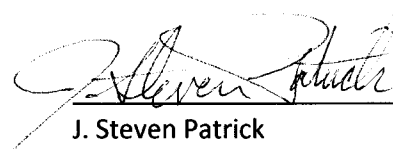
ORDER

1. Courts are encouraged to continue to accommodate telephone and/or video appearance for all participants; however, matters as deemed necessary by the presiding judicial officers may proceed in person.
2. When in-person hearings are conducted, courts shall seek to limit in person participation to the greatest extent possible by means such as staggered dockets.
3. Social distancing of at least 6 feet in courtrooms shall be strictly enforced by all participants to the greatest extent possible.
4. While present in any courtroom, participants shall be required to wear a mask or other face covering that covers their nose and mouth. The presiding judge has the ability to modify that requirement within the courtroom as they deem appropriate based upon the circumstances of the hearing and individual circumstances.
5. Presiding judges may impose additional procedural requirements that satisfy health guidelines recommended by the Judicial Branch and in compliance with State and local public health orders.

Circumstances have changed rapidly and may continue to do so. This order may be modified or updated frequently. You are encouraged to check regularly the 7th Judicial District homepage located on the website for the Colorado Judicial branch (www.courts.state.co.us) for the latest information.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



J. Steven Patrick
Chief Judge