

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-20 Re Administrative Order Updates Regarding COVID 19

The 7th Judicial District as of the most recent data from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment indicates that the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the 7th Judicial District is now approaching 1000. The number of cases, while continuing to increase, has not resulted in any outbreaks notwithstanding the reopening of public schools and both Colorado Mesa University and Western Colorado University.

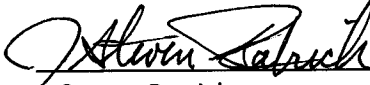
Some of the largest outbreaks have been at the Sterling Department of Corrections facility, the Denver County Jail and the Weld County Jail. All six counties in the District are in the CDPHE blue category. The District has been able to only conduct three jury trials since getting approval from the Chief Justice to commence jury trials in July. Jury trials including social distancing still require two courtrooms and substantial commitment of jury commissioner staff and bailiffs for each trial.

The Court orders as follows:

1. Administrative Order 2020-16 regarding jury trials is extended to October 30, 2020.
2. Administrative Orders 2020-6 and 2020-13 regarding arrests and modified bond schedule shall not be extended beyond their current expiration date of September 30, 2020.
3. The previous extension of the modification to Probation standards in Administrative Orders 2020-6 and 13 shall continue until further order.

Dated and effective this the 29th day of September, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



J. Steven Patrick
Chief Judge

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