## SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the *ORDER ADOPTING TEMPORARY PLAN TO ADDRESS HEALTH RISKS POSED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC* issued by the Wyoming Supreme Court on March 18, 2020, the District Court Judges for the Seventh Judicial District have implemented mitigation protocols to reduce potential community exposure and transmission of the virus. Given the significant number of identified and projected cases of COVID-19 in the surrounding states, and the severity of the risk posed to the citizens of Natrona County should local widespread community transmission occur, the District Court Judges for the Seventh Judicial District have made the following arrangements:

- 1. With limited exceptions, from March 23, 2020 through May 15, 2020 the District Court will to the extent possible, conduct previously scheduled hearings via telephone or video conferencing.
- 2. Criminal arraignments, change of plea hearings, non-evidentiary probation revocation hearings, and certain bond hearings will be conducted via video conferencing in accordance with Wyoming Rule of Criminal Procedure 43.1. Criminal matters that cannot be conducted via video conferencing have been continued and will be rescheduled. Incarcerated individuals with continued cases will be afforded an opportunity to have their bonds reviewed, through request of counsel or on the Court's own motion.
- 3. Previously scheduled juvenile hearings (except adjudicatory hearings and/or jury trials) will be conducted via telephone or video conferencing.

- 4. Previously scheduled child support hearings (except Orders to Show Cause) will be conducted via telephone or video conferencing. Orders to Show Cause have been continued and will be rescheduled.
- 5. Previously scheduled non-evidentiary civil hearings will be conducted via telephone or video conferencing at the discretion of the presiding judge.
- 6. Previously scheduled evidentiary civil hearings have been continued and will be rescheduled.
- 7. Previously scheduled criminal jury trials have been continued and will be rescheduled.
- 8. Previously scheduled civil jury trials have been continued and will be rescheduled.
- 9. Necessary shelter care hearings, detention hearings, and bond hearings will be conducted via telephone or video conferencing.
- 10. Statutory and Constitutionally mandated hearings will be conducted as required.
- 11. The Court will set new matters when it is advisable and deemed appropriate.

The Court will notify parties directly and/or through counsel of the arrangements listed above and will reschedule applicable matters without the need for further requests from the parties and/or counsel.

The arrangements outlined above may be modified or extended at the discretion of the Seventh Judicial District Court Judges.

If you have an attorney, please call your attorney for additional information.

If you do not have an attorney and have a previously scheduled matter pending in the District Court, please call the Court at 307-235-9253 for additional information.

## THESE ARRANGEMENTS ONLY APPLY TO THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## IF YOU HAVE A PENDING MATTER IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT AT 307-235-9266 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**DATED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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