

PRESS RELEASE

MAY 19, 2020

CONTACT: Sherry Oler, Judicial Assistant
District Court of Fremont County, Wyoming Ninth Judicial District
soler@courts.state.wy.us

COVID-19 COURT OPERATION UPDATE - DISTRICT COURT FOR FREMONT COUNTY

During these unprecedented times the Ninth Judicial District Court of Fremont County, Wyoming remains committed to protecting the health and safety of our community, while ensuring that access to the court is afforded to all citizens. While most “in-person” court proceedings will remain suspended until at least May 31, 2020, the court will continue to conduct business by video and telephone conferencing. For the past two months the work of the District Court has continued on a full-time basis in a flexible and responsive manner. The District Court has conducted well over one-hundred hearings by video, and thousands of pleadings have been filed both electronically and in-person by appointment.

The District Court is working with the Wyoming Supreme Court to develop an operating plan that will permit the reopening of the courtroom to non-jury trial “in-person” hearings this summer. Recognizing the unique circumstances facing Fremont County, the operating plan will be developed in accordance with the guidelines and recommendations established by the Wyoming Department of Health, Fremont County Public Health, and the CDC. The primary objective of this plan will be to maintain the health and safety of all court participants and public, while increasing non-jury trial “in-person” hearings. Because of the complex challenges created by jury trials, and consistent with the Order of the Wyoming Supreme Court, no jury trials will be conducted before August 3, 2020.

Additional information regarding COVID-19 Court Operation Updates can be found at: <https://www.courts.state.wy.us/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/> + Fremont County.