

***Circuit Court of the First Judicial District  
Laramie County, State of Wyoming***

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**Laramie County Circuit Court Order Regarding COVID-19 Pandemic**

THIS MATTER came before the Court pursuant to the Wyoming Supreme Court's FIFTH ORDER AMENDING MARCH 18, 2020 TEMPORARY PLAN TO ADDRESS HEALTH RISKS POSED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

THIS COURT entered its ORDER REGARDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This Court entered its COVID-19 OPERATING PLAN on June 15, 2020.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this Court's ORDER REGARDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC first entered on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 shall be and hereby is extended in accordance with the Supreme Court's FIFTH ORDER until October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and subject to this Court's COVID-19 OPERATING PLAN.

PURSUANT to this COURT'S ORDER, the following procedures will remain:

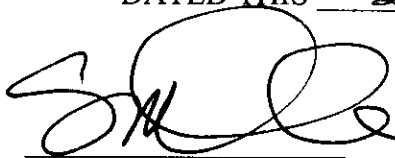
1. All initial appearances for incarcerated individuals will be conducted via video-conference.
2. Preliminary hearings will be held. Attorneys are encouraged, pursuant to W.R.Cr.P. 43.1, to obtain client's consent to conduct these hearing via video-conferencing.
3. For all defendants charged with a misdemeanor and represented by an attorney, written pleas of not guilty are strongly encouraged.
4. Any request for bond modification shall be considered only on written motion accompanied by proposed bond conditions. Attorneys may use the Court's preprinted bond forms.
5. When appropriate, written guilty pleas and sentences are strongly encouraged. The written guilty plea and sentence shall contain all necessary advisements. The court will not sign any judgment and sentence in any Domestic Violence related cases or driving under the influence cases without the proposed sentence being accompanied by appropriate evaluations.
6. Arraignments involving individuals who are out of custody will be conducted by telephonic means when feasible.
7. Any other criminal or civil matters will be set in accordance with this Court's COVID-19 OPERATING PLAN.

FURTHER, pursuant to the guidelines set forth in the Supreme Court's Order referenced above, individuals other than attorneys, parties, necessary witnesses, victims and essential court personnel will be asked to refrain from entering courtrooms.

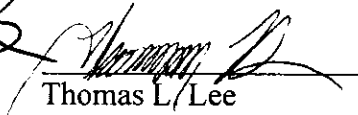
FURTHER, all criminal trials set during this pandemic shall be and hereby are continued pursuant to W.R.Cr.P. Rule 48(b)(4)(B)(iii). The Court specifically finds that continuance of any trial beyond 180 days is necessary in the due administration of justice. If a defendant objects to the continuance of trial, defendant shall submit, in writing, his objection and supporting argument. Upon receipt of the objection *and* supporting argument, the court will set a hearing on the motion.

FURTHER, all pleadings in both civil or criminal cases be filed by fax or email in accordance with W.R.C.P. Rule 5(e). The requirements of Rule 5(e) are expanded to allow filing of documents exceeding 10 pages. Rule 4 of the Rules for Fees and Costs of the Circuit Court shall be waived during the effective period of this order. Email filings shall be mailed to: [cccys@courts.state.wy.us](mailto:cccys@courts.state.wy.us). Litigants should call to ensure the pleadings have been received.

DATED THIS 30 day of July, 2020.



Sean Chambers



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