

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF WYOMING**

*GENERAL ORDER*

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*OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT*

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**2020-01**

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**SECOND ORDER AMENDING GENERAL ORDER 2020-01 AND REQUIRING  
TELEPHONIC OR VIDEOCONFERENCE APPEARANCE EXCEPT UPON A  
SHOWING OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES OR  
AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW IN COURTROOMS PRESIDED OVER BY  
DISTRICT JUDGE MICHAEL N. "NICK" DEEGAN OR HIS SUCCESSOR**

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**THIS MATTER** comes before the court upon its own motion. In March 2020, this court responded to an emerging global pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus. After a few months of conducting hearings exclusively through video conferencing, this court developed Operating Plans for the Sixth Judicial District regarding the courtrooms within the Campbell, Crook, and Weston County courthouses, which were consistent with recommended practices from public health officials. These plans allowed the courtrooms within those Counties to re-open for in-person hearings and proceedings with significant precautions to protect public health .

Since September, 2020, the world has been experiencing a "second wave" of COVID-19 infections. The United States has seen a surge in COVID-19 cases. By the middle of October, 2020, the United States was reporting more than 50,000 new infections a day. On November 18, 2020 this number stood at 141,937 newly reported cases in a single day for the nation. The United States continues to set new daily records for COVID-19 infections in ascending magnitude.

Wyoming has not been spared. As of November 16, 2020, Wyoming's statewide seven-day moving average of cases per 100,000 people was 128. Public health officials recommend stay-at-home orders for any area experiencing community spread in excess of 25 cases per 100,000 in population.

BY THE COURT this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael N. Deegan", written over a horizontal line.

HON. MICHAEL N. "NICK" DEEGAN  
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT