

**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 Supreme Court's 8th Order Amending March 18, 2020 Order Adopting Temporary Plan to Address Health Risks Posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

THIS COURT has previously entered Covid-19 Operating Plans addressing the resumption of in-person hearings and the resumption of Jury Trials. Those Operating Plans have been approved by the Laramie County Health Department and have been submitted to the Wyoming Supreme Court.

THIS COURT finds that the current status of the Covid-19 pandemic in Laramie County has abated to the degree that jury trials can be safely held in Laramie County. This finding is based upon the number of active Covid-19 cases in Laramie County, the number of Covid-19 patients hospitalized and the current conditions of the courthouse.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Laramie County Circuit Court will continue to conduct all hearings pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order Adopting Temporary Plan to Address Health Risks Posed by the Covid-19 Pandemic and in accordance with this Court's Covid-19 Operating Plan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all criminal trials set before May 1st, 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon approval of an amended jury trial plan, this Court will resume setting and holding jury trials.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED THAT the Laramie County Circuit Court will review this Order as necessary.

DATED THIS 5 day of March, 2021.

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