## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CAMPBELLAND CROOK COUNTIES STATE OF WYOMING

GENERAL ORDER FOR THE CIRCUIT COURTS	) ) ) ) ) )	2021-01	
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## GENERAL ORDER AMENDING GENERAL ORDER 2020-01 AND PROVIDING FOR IN-PERSON HEARINGS CONSISTENT WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT OPERATING PLAN

THIS MATTER came upon the Court's own motion. The President of the United States has declared a national emergency. The Governor of the State of Wyoming has declared a statewide emergency. The Wyoming Supreme Court implemented the Judicial Branch: Respiratory Disease Pandemic Plan. This Court has implemented its Pandemic Mitigation Plan. Each of these actions is in response to the worldwide pandemic involving COVID-19, a corona virus that has killed hundreds of thousands. The Court notes as of late, the pandemic is trending in a direction such that in-person hearings are hereby deemed permissible, so long as participants and observers comply with the Courts' Operating Plans, previously approved by the Campbell, Crook and Weston County public health officials.

Recognizing that some persons may remain susceptible, ill or cautious regarding a return to full in-person operations, the Court will continue to allow the use of videoconferencing via the TEAMS® application to the extent permitted by law. In employing technology to the extent allowed by law and Court order, the Court will continue to follow public health guidance in an attempt to minimize the transmission of COVID-19.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons appearing before a circuit court judge of the Sixth Judicial District may appear via video or teleconference, unless an in-person appearance is required by law;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any person wishing to appear in-person for hearings in the circuit court, Sixth Judicial District, may do so. Persons choosing to appear in-person shall be subject to the Campbell County COVID-19 Operating Plan upon entering the Courtroom. The plan is available on the Wyoming Supreme Court's website;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that for any matter currently set via TEAMS<sup>®</sup>, parties may petition to appear in person subject to the Court's COVID Operating Plan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective March 22, 2021.

DATED this /8 day of March, 2021.

HON. WENDY M. BARTLETT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

HON. PAUL S. PHILLIPS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE COURT JUDGE

HON. MATTHEW F. G. CASTANO CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE