

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
SHERIDAN AND JOHNSON COUNTY, STATE OF WYOMING

In the Matter of the)
Circuit Court for the Fourth Judicial District)

**ORDER EXTENDING CoVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR COURTROOM
APPEARANCES**

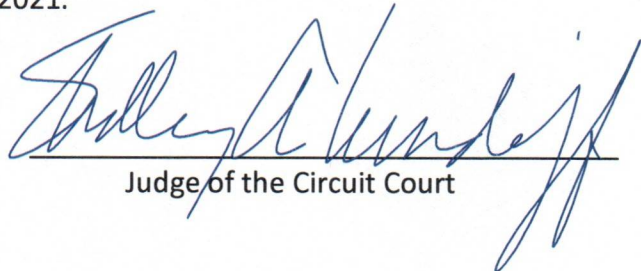
The Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial District for Sheridan County and Johnson County finds it necessary to advise counsel that CoVID-19 protocols remain in effect. This order is to reiterate court appearances for counsel and civilian parties. The following measures remain in effect until further order of the Court:

1. All Court proceedings are held in person and via Microsoft Teams.
2. **Criminal Defendant's housed in the Sheridan County Detention** facility appear via Microsoft Teams video. Other defendants appear either by video or telephone through the Teams system at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.
3. **Walk-in Misdemeanor arraignments and Felony initial appearances** (those not in detention) are scheduled in Sheridan at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and in Buffalo on Mondays 9:00. (Depending on the number of arrests these may also be held on other days and times as needed.)
4. **Felony Preliminary Hearings** are scheduled in Sheridan at 1:30 pm on Tuesdays and in Buffalo at 11:00 a.m on Monday. These may be moved to a more convenient date and time at request of counsel.
5. **Scheduling Conferences** may be attended in person or via Teams. Motions are not necessary an invitation to join the Teams Video Conference will be sent to the attorney. The attorney is responsible for forwarding the invitation to their client.

6. **Change of Pleas** hearings may be attended via Teams. If there is to be argued sentencing, the sentencing hearing at the request of the state or defense counsel may be continued until an in-person sentencing hearing can be held. *In the alternative, the parties may agree to an in-person change of plea and sentencing by notifying the Court Clerk of the need and length of time necessary for an in-person argued sentencing.*
7. **Witnesses** may also appear via Teams. Please notify the Court and the opposing counsel as to whether the witness will be in person or via Teams. A motion is not necessary.

These standing orders have been in place since May 2021. This order should further clarify the situation so that an objection to a defendant not being present should not be raised nor is it necessary to request for video appearance for counsel, parties or witnesses.

Dated this 27th day of September 2021.



Judge of the Circuit Court