DAKOTA COUNTY (SS)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OF CEDAR, DAKOTA, DIXON COUNTIES, BY. STATE OF NEBRASKA

ORDER OF THE COURT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

1. Any attorney or party shall promptly notify opposing counsel and the Court if they reasonably suspect that a participant in any scheduled hearing, trial, conference, deposition, or other proceeding may come within any of the following categories:

a. A participant who has tested positive for or has had close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of any scheduled court proceeding. Close contact means that the participant has been within six (6) feet of the person who tested positive or COVID-19 for at least fifteen (15) minutes;

b. A participant who has been asked to isolate or self-quarantine by any health care

provider or public official;

c. A participant who is exhibiting symptoms of an infections respiratory illness, which includes a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit of above, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, or body aches, or who has been within close contact with anyone experiencing said symptoms <u>unless</u> that person has tested negative for COVID-19 or received an alternative diagnosis. Close contact means that the participant has been within six (6) feet of the person who is exhibiting symptoms for at least fifteen (15) minutes <u>unless</u> that person has tested negative for COVID-19 or received an alternative diagnosis.

2. To the extent possible, counsel shall affirmatively inquire of their clients and witnesses whether they come within any of the above categories.

- 3. No person who falls within any of those categories shall attend any hearing, trial, conference, deposition, or other proceeding without prior notification to, and authorization from the Court.
- 4. Waivers of arraignment are encouraged under Neb. Rev. Stat. 29-4206.
- 5. The Court will liberally grant requests to appear by teleconference.

6. Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be provided.

Dated this 24 day of November, 2020

BY THE COURT,

Bryan Meismer, District Judge Cedar, Dakota, Dixon County