

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF BANNER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN RE: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS)	THIRD ADMINISTRATIVE
AND COVID-19 DISEASE)	ORDER OF THE COUNTY
)	JUDGES RE: JURY TRIALS,
)	TRIALS TO THE COURT &
)	ADJUDICATION HEARINGS

NOW ON THIS 3rd day of April, 2020, the Scotts Bluff and Banner County Courts, having monitored the current state of emergency involving COVID-19 and in recognition of the fact that the State of Nebraska, Counties of Scotts Bluff and Banner, and other surrounding counties within the 12th Judicial District are now experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak, finds as follows:

That the Chief Justice of Nebraska Supreme Court issued an Administrative Order on March 12, 2020 finding that “a public health emergency has been declared by the United States, and guidance from public health officials suggests that one of the most effective ways to protect against the spread of this disease is to limit exposure...”;

That the President of the United States declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States is a national emergency on March 13, 2020.

That the United States District Court of the District of Nebraska issued General Order No. 2020-04 on March 13, 2020, suspending federal jury trials in part due to “the Court’s inability to safely call and retain an adequate cross section of jurors” due to the existing state of emergency;


That the Governor of the State of Nebraska issued Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Directed Health Measure Order 2020-005 on March 30, 2020, which is to remain in effect until at least May 11, 2020, unless extended;

That based upon the aforementioned emergency, if the Court were to issue an order to the jury commissioner to summon jurors at this time, said order would create undue hardship for potential jurors and would endanger the health and safety of any potential juror.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:


That due to the emergencies declared by the President of the United States and Governor of the State of Nebraska, as well as guidelines established by the CDC and the NEDHHS, and in the Court's efforts to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the parties, attorneys, court staff, judges, and the general public, the Court finds good cause to exclude from the speedy trial/adjudication computation for the next 90 days from the date of this order, all criminal traffic, and juvenile cases, which are currently pending before the court. See Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 29-1207(4)(f), 43-277, and 43-278.

BY THE COURT:



Kristen D. Mickey





James M. Worden