

IN THE COUNTY COURTS OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

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) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
) (VACATING PRIOR COVID-19 RELATED
) ORDERS)
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NOW ON THIS 30th day of June 2021, this matter comes before the Court on its own motion to vacate all prior administrative orders of the County Courts of the 8th Judicial District related to the COVID-19 pandemic and state of emergency. Being fully advised in the premises, the Court finds and orders as follows:

On March 12, 2020, Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael G. Heavican issued an administrative order regarding procedures to be followed in Nebraska's trial and appellate courts in response to the public health emergency caused by the novel coronavirus and the COVID-19 disease.

On March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States is a national emergency. That same day Governor Pete Ricketts declared that a state of emergency exists within the State of Nebraska as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

On March 19, 2020, the first administrative order of the County Courts of the 8th Judicial District was issued. Since that time, modified orders have been issued by the Chief Justice and this Court, and procedures have been adjusted as appropriate. Governor Ricketts has also issued and revised directed health measures across the state.

The County Courts of the 8th Judicial District have operated under some form of modified procedures since March 19, 2020. Although administrative orders regarding modified procedures have been in effect, court procedures have largely returned to pre-pandemic status, and the courts are now operating normally.

Furthermore, the state of emergency declared by Governor Ricketts on March 13, 2020 will end at 11:59 pm on June 30, 2021. With the end of Nebraska's COVID-19 state of emergency, it is appropriate for this Court to vacate all prior administrative orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic and state of emergency.

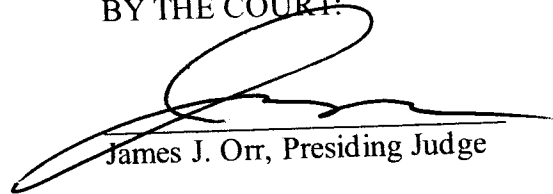
While COVID-19 is a disease that will be present and affecting people for the foreseeable future, it is now manageable. Court users can and should continue to take any precautions they believe are necessary, but modified court procedures are no longer required.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, effective July 1, 2021, all prior administrative orders modifying court procedures in the County Courts of the 8th Judicial District issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and state of emergency are hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, effective July 1, 2021, normal, pre-pandemic court operations shall be fully restored.

SO ORDERED this 30th day of June 2021.

BY THE COURT:



James J. Orr, Presiding Judge

