

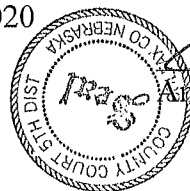
IN THE COUNTY COURTS OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER – SAUNDERS AND COLFAX COUNTIES

The Courts, in response to the public health emergency and/or as directed by the Nebraska Supreme Court, implements the following procedures for the County Courts of **Saunders and Colfax** Counties in the Fifth Judicial District until June 1, 2020 or further order of the Court.

1. ALL civil and probate in-person hearings that are not emergent in nature, and which do not involve statutorily mandated time limits, will be continued by the Court until further Order of the Court unless a hearing is requested and granted by the Court. All hearings held will be by video conference or telephonic unless otherwise authorized by the court at the discretion of the court.
2. All in-person criminal and traffic cases will be continued for at least sixty (60) days.
3. For criminal cases, the court will accept written waiver of arraignments and preliminary hearings in a format set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. 29-4206 or as approved by the court to keep said matters moving forward. The written waivers must have the next appearance date for hearing within the document; said date must be obtained from the court and the next appearance date will be at least 60 days forward.
4. All in-person juvenile cases will be continued for at least sixty (60) days, unless emergent in nature or a hearing is requested and granted by the Court. The Court may require said hearing to be held by video conference or telephone.
5. For any required in-person hearings, litigants will remain in the lobby area or in an area they are directed to by court staff until the case is called. Please follow the recommendations of social distancing. Litigants shall exit the courtroom and courthouse immediately upon conclusion of their hearing, after signing any required documents at the court office.
6. Law enforcement and jail staff shall give arraignment/appearance dates a minimum of 60 days from the date of the contact, effective immediately.
7. Statutorily mandated hearings and emergent hearings (i.e. protection orders, bond hearings, landlord-tenant, adoptions, juvenile emergency cases) will be held as scheduled subject to the above and where applicable, may be telephonic or by video conference as determined by the court; all other hearings are continued pending further order of the court and the continued time shall be excluded in computing the time for trial, pursuant to the Court's finding of good cause under Nebraska law and as set forth in the Administrative Order of the Fifth Judicial District regarding the Coronavirus/Covid-19 issued March 20, 2020.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2020



*Andrew R. Lange*  
Andrew R. Lange, County Judge