

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COURT)
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MS 20-36

**AMENDED
ORDER LIMITING IN-PERSON
COURT ACCESS IN RESPONSE TO
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

In consideration of the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court granting an extension of the limited public access policies in place in the Hall of Justice (see attached Omaha Douglas Building Commission memorandum) and in consideration of the Order of the Douglas County Health Department and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Directed Health Measures, the following amended order extending restricted in-person access to the Courts is effective immediately:

The courtrooms of the District Court for Douglas County are hereby continued to be closed to all in-person hearings until May 4, 2020 or on further order of the court in consultation with the medical director of the Douglas County Health Department. Court hearings shall proceed by video and/or telephone conferencing.

The District Court shall remain open and accessible by video and teleconference. No non-essential proceedings should be held in-person. Emergency cases involving an individual's personal liberty, safety, and family relations, including protection order hearings, shall be held by video and/or telephone conferencing unless a party does not have access to a computer or phone. Such cases shall be handled on a case by case basis, with the Court being advised that hearings

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should be reset to the first available date after May 4th, 2020 if possible. All parties shall be instructed to follow strict Directed Health Measure orders.

All transports of prisoners from Douglas County Corrections to the Douglas County Courthouse are suspended until May 4th, 2020 or on further order of the court.

IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED this 14th day of April, 2020.

BY THE COURT



Shelly R. Stratman
Presiding Judge, Fourth District Court

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TO: Judges, Court Administrators, Elected Officials, Department Heads

FROM: *s/Paul G. Cohen*
Paul G. Cohen, Administrator

RE: Extension of Limited Public Access to the Complex

The Chief Justice through the State Court Administrator has agreed to an extension of the current limited public access policies in place in the Hall of Justice and the Civic Center. The extension is through May 4, 2020. That date is subject to review as conditions warrant.

All access policies and procedures previously announced, and currently in effect, for courts and offices in the complex will continue throughout the period.

Thank you for your cooperation.