

On November 24, 2021, the Nebraska Supreme Court adopted the following rule amendments to Neb. Ct. R. §§ 6-1474, 6-1528, and 6-1707, effective immediately:

CHAPTER 6: TRIAL COURTS

Article 14: Uniform County Court Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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§ 6-1474. Emergency Modified Court Operations.

(A) On or before January 1, 2022, the county court, district court, and separate juvenile court judges within each judicial district shall jointly adopt a local rule setting out the procedures governing emergency modified court operations in their judicial district.

(B) Such local rule shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Establishing criteria for how the judicial district will determine when emergency modified court operations should be implemented, and when normal court operations should resume;

(2) Listing the stakeholders within the judicial district to include in planning and implementing any emergency modified court operations.

(3) Identifying who within the judicial district will coordinate and facilitate communication with the group of justice stakeholders to plan and implement any emergency modified court operations plan;

(4) Listing all mission essential functions to be considered and addressed in any emergency modified court operations plan; and

(5) Identifying how court users and the public will be informed when emergency modified court operations are implemented and when they are discontinued.

(C) Such local rule shall be governed by § 6-1448.

Article 15: Uniform District Court Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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§ 6-1528. Emergency Modified Court Operations.

(A) On or before January 1, 2022, the county court, district court, and separate juvenile court judges within each judicial district shall jointly adopt a local rule setting out the procedures governing emergency modified court operations in their judicial district.

(B) Such local rule shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Establishing criteria for how the judicial district will determine when emergency modified court operations should be implemented, and when normal court operations should resume;

(2) Listing the stakeholders within the judicial district to include in planning and implementing any emergency modified court operations.

(3) Identifying who within the judicial district will coordinate and facilitate communication with the group of justice stakeholders to plan and implement any emergency modified court operations plan;

(4) Listing all mission essential functions to be considered and addressed in any emergency modified court operations plan; and

(5) Identifying how court users and the public will be informed when emergency modified court operations are implemented and when they are discontinued.

(C) Such local rule shall be governed by § 6-1501.

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Article 17: Uniform Separate Juvenile Court Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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§ 6-1707. Emergency Modified Court Operations.

(A) On or before January 1, 2022, the county court, district court, and separate juvenile court judges within each judicial district shall jointly adopt a local rule setting out the procedures governing emergency modified court operations in their judicial district.

(B) Such local rule shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Establishing criteria for how the judicial district will determine when emergency modified court operations should be implemented, and when normal court operations should resume;

(2) Listing the stakeholders within the judicial district to include in planning and implementing any emergency modified court operations.

(3) Identifying who within the judicial district will coordinate and facilitate communication with the group of justice stakeholders to plan and implement any emergency modified court operations plan;

(4) Listing all mission essential functions to be considered and addressed in any emergency modified court operations plan; and

(5) Identifying how court users and the public will be informed when emergency modified court operations are implemented and when they are discontinued.

(C) Such local rule shall be governed by § 6-1702.