

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**THE STATE OF NEBRASKA     )     MS20-13**  
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Now on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, the Court is carefully monitoring the evolving circumstances presented by the spread of the novel coronavirus and the COVID-19 disease.

WHEREAS, a public health emergency has been declared by the United States, and in conjunction with the Administrative Order of the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court issued on March 12, 2020, and attached hereto at:

<https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/file/Administration/emergency/order3.12.20.pdf>

WHEREAS, the Court finds that transportation of pretrial detainees and inmates to the District Court for Lancaster County from state and county correctional institutions should be minimized for the protection of public health.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT, all transportation of Defendants from the Nebraska Department of Corrections, and any Nebraska county correctional or juvenile detention facility shall be suspended as specifically set forth herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT, the following persons who have an elevated risk of transmitting the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 shall not be permitted to appear in court without prior authorization of the court:

- Persons who have traveled outside the United States since February 28, 2020 or lives or has close contact with someone who has;
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any health care provider or public official;
- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
- Persons who are presenting exhibiting the symptoms of an infectious respiratory illness, which includes fever, cough or shortness of breath.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT,

Any Defendant who is scheduled for a non-evidentiary hearing including a continuance, bond review, non-evidentiary pretrial motion and docket call, or any other similar motion shall be excused from appearing personally before the court if in the custody of the Nebraska Department of Corrections or any Nebraska county correctional facility (and including Lancaster County Department of Corrections). Such hearings will be scheduled and heard via tele or videoconference except by specific order of the assigned judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT,

All requests for transport shall be made by the attorney. No Defendant will be transported unless requested by the attorney.

**Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.**

**BY THE COURTS:**



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**Honorable Kevin R. McManaman, Presiding Judge**