

3-16-20 - Notice Regarding COVID-19 and Court and Probation Operations:

The Court and Probation Offices will remain open but, in the interest of public safety, some court and probation operations will be limited through March 31, 2020. Notices will be sent in cases that are rescheduled.

We understand there is concern about COVID-19 and the 3rd Judicial District is requesting that you:

DO NOT COME TO THE COURTHOUSES OR PROBATION if:

- (1) you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 (“Novel Coronavirus”) and you have not received a subsequent test confirming that you are currently virus-free;
- (2) you have been in direct contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past fourteen days;
- (3) you are experiencing a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other respiratory illness symptoms.

If any of these three criteria apply, please call the appropriate Clerk’s Office to reschedule your court date or request to appear by telephone if you are not represented by an attorney or contact your attorney to file a request for a continuance or a telephone appearance. If you are subpoenaed as a witness in a case, please contact the attorney or party issuing the subpoena to explain the circumstances and discuss the options:

- **Walsenburg** – (719) 738-1040
- **Trinidad** – (719) 846-3316

Jury reporting:

If you have been summoned for jury duty in **March**, DO NOT REPORT. Any trials in March have been postponed and notices will be sent via U.S. mail.

If you have been summoned to report for jury duty in **April or May**, your jury service *may* be postponed to a later date. If your jury service has been postponed, court staff will automatically re-schedule your jury call to another date and will let you know via U.S. mail.

You may contact the appropriate Jury Commissioner to request a postponement to your jury service to a later date or check to see if you are to still report for jury service as scheduled if you are unsure or you haven’t heard from us yet.

- **Walsenburg** – 719-695-6506
- **Trinidad** – 719-497-8212

Probation reporting:

In the short term, probation officers will be meeting with clients via telephone. If you are scheduled to meet with the Probation Department, please call your probation officer directly or 719-497-8268 for probation reception to re-schedule your appointment.

Collections:

Collections intake and meetings will be conducted via telephone until further notice. You may complete [an application for payment plan](#) and email to collections. Payments may be made online at https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Collections.cfm?District_ID=3 Please contact the appropriate collections investigator to schedule appointments or set up payment plans:

- **Walsenburg**
Kate Johnson
kathryn.johnson@judicial.state.co.us
719-695-6555
- **Trinidad** – (719) 695-8242
Katerina DeHerrera
katerina.deherrera@judicial.state.co.us
(719) 695-8242

Family Court Facilitator:

Meetings with the family court facilitator will be conducted via telephone until further notice. Please contact Bob Major at robert.major@judicial.state.co.us or (719) 695-6569

Pro se Court Filings:

The courts in the 3rd Judicial District will temporarily accept fax filings at (719) 738-1267 (Walsenburg) and (719) 497-8267 (Trinidad) *for parties without an attorney*.

Updates on court operations will be posted at (www.courts.state.co.us).

Until further notice, the court will permit persons to wear surgical masks and gloves in court and probation buildings if they so desire. Persons may also bring small plastic containers of hand sanitizer into court and probation buildings.

The following sources should be frequently consulted to determine the most current information. If you have symptoms and think you have been exposed, call a health care provider.

- Las Animas & Huerfano County Health Department:
 - If you have general questions about COVID-19, you can call **CO HELP at 303-389-1687** or **1-877-462-2911**. You can also email COHELP@RMPDC.org for answers in English and Spanish (Español), Mandarin (普通话), and more.
 - <https://www.colorado.gov/la-h-health>
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDHPE)
 - www.cdphe.state.co.us
- CO HELP: COVID-19 hotline: 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911
 - <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - www.cdc.gov
 - COVID-19 link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>