



MUNICIPAL COURT, Alamosa, Colorado 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101	
	 COURT USE ONLY 
	Case Number(s):
STANDING ORDER CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS UNDER COVID-19 ADVISORIES - NOVEMBER 19, 2020	

In light of the explosive increase in positive Covid-19 cases in Alamosa and throughout the San Luis Valley, the public health risk posed by COVID-19, and the advisories and information circulated by the Center for Disease Control, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (Order 20-23), the Colorado Supreme Court, the 12th Judicial District (Chief Judge Administrative Orders 20-03 and 20-08), and local public health departments recommending active steps to slow the spread of the disease and precautions to reduce the risk of exposure, effective immediately the Alamosa Municipal Court orders the following:

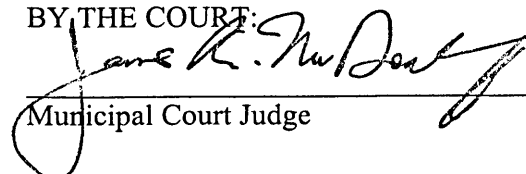
1. All non-trial, non-emergency hearings shall be held remotely via Zoom teleconferencing until further notice.
2. Trials scheduled in December 2020 shall be held remotely via Zoom. Notice to Defendants that such trials shall be held via Zoom shall be provided to Defendants as quickly as possible. Instructions for accessing the Court shall be provided to Defendants with this order and shall be posted on the City of Alamosa's website.
3. Objections to a Zoom conferencing trial must be written and submitted no less than three days prior to the trial date. Defendants and witnesses must appear by video unless specifically ordered otherwise by the Court. If a Defendant or witness does not have a communications device capable of allowing the Defendant to appear in the Zoom trial via video, such Defendant or witness may appear at the Alamosa Municipal Court where the Defendant or witness may participate in the remote trial. Any such Defendant or witness must testify under oath that the Defendant or witness does not have a communications device with which she or he can participate in the Zoom trial with video.
4. No persons will be allowed into the Court unless wearing a mask. Any persons who display any indicia of Covid-19 symptomology, as determined by the judge or the bailiff, will be denied entrance into the Court. No more than five persons shall be in the Court at any given time. Any persons in the courtroom shall wear a mask at all times unless specifically ordered otherwise by the Court.
5. Any exhibits must be submitted to the Court no later than 48 hours prior to the trial.
6. Stipulated motions to continue must be filed no later than 48 hours prior to the trial and will be deemed to restart the speedy trial clock as of the date on which the new trial is scheduled.
7. The Court will determine whether trials in January 2021 and thereafter are live or remote as soon as possible. In determining when to commence live hearings, the Court shall consider the Covid-19 risk factors present in the City of Alamosa and the following safety protocols:

- a. the ability to minimize the exposure of persons in the courtroom to any airborne pathogens;
 - b. the Court's supply of disposable gloves and face masks;
 - c. the ability to check temperatures using a non-contact thermometer;
 - d. maintenance of social distancing standards including limiting the number of persons in the courtroom at any time;
 - e. limiting courtroom access to members of the public, who are not allowed in the courtroom but may observe court proceedings via Zoom teleconferencing.
8. No jury trials shall be scheduled prior to January 19, 2021.
 9. The Alamosa Municipal Court office will be open for telephonic communications only. The phone number is (719) 589-2272. There will not be a clerk in the court during remote trials.
 10. When live hearings resume, the Court shall endeavor to limit in person participation and encourage and accommodate telephone and/or video appearances for all participants to the extent possible. Social distancing of at least six feet shall be followed to the extent possible. The Court shall endeavor to limit the number of people in the courtroom as provided by public health advisories in effect at that time. To the extent possible, the Court will endeavor to comport with the guidance and prohibitions set by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (Order 20-23), the Colorado Supreme Court, and the 12th Judicial District (Chief Judge Administrative Order 20-03 and 20-08).
 11. Any person who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 (without a subsequent virus free evaluation); persons at high risk, based upon their age, health history, etc.; and any persons showing signs of illness coughing, sneezing, fever, headache, etc.) are required to contact the Court at the phone number set forth above to reschedule their hearings. Do not come to the Court if you meet any of these criteria. Call the Court instead.
 12. If at any time the judge, court personnel, or the bailiff observes a person in the courtroom displaying any signs of illness, be it sneezing, fever, runny nose, coughing etc., flushed appearance, etc. such person, at the Court's discretion, may be ordered to leave the municipal building and contact the Court Clerks on the telephone to reschedule their hearing.

Due to the dynamic nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, this order is subject to change as deemed necessary to protect the safety and wellbeing of the Alamosa community.

Dated this 19 day of November, 2020.

BY THE COURT:


Municipal Court Judge