



20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF COLORADO
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-116
SUBJECT: Court Operations

To: All Judicial Officers, Court Executive, Clerk of Court, Court Staff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Boulder County Bar Association, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Staff, Community Justice Services, County Attorney, Sheriff, Jail, Law Enforcement

From: Ingrid S. Bakke
Chief Judge

DATE: June 18, 2021

In response to the recent changes in COVID health safety requirements the 20th Judicial District shall be making the following changes to court operations with changes starting June 1, 2021.

A. District Court In-Person Hearing Requirements

District Court Criminal Divisions (4 & 6) and Division 13 (including probation complaints, juvenile, treatment court) appearances are presumed to be in person, starting June 1, 2021, for:

- 1) In-custody defendants
- 2) Defendants entering pleas
- 3) Sentencing hearings
- 4) Motions hearings
- 5) Preliminary hearings
- 6) First appearances after posting bond on a failure to appear warrant
- 7) Arraignments with pending CJS bond supervision complaints
- 8) Jury trials

Adult Integrated Treatment Court appearances and staffings shall move to in-person appearances on June 16, 2021.

The Court may make exceptions for these appearances with a showing of good cause.

B. District Court WebEx Video Appearances

WebEx appearances are authorized for:

- 1) Video writs
- 2) Inmates from the Boulder County Jail when necessary
- 3) Continuances (administrative continuances may still be requested with timely emails to the division)
- 4) Setting of motions and trial

C. County Court In-Person Hearing Requirements

County Court Division appearances are presumed to be in person, starting June 1, 2021, for:

- 1) In-custody defendants
- 2) Entry of a plea
- 3) Sentencing hearings
- 4) Motions hearings
- 5) Felony status conferences
- 6) Preliminary hearings
- 7) Arraignments
- 8) Temporary and permanent protection order hearings
- 9) First appearances after posting bond on a failure to appear warrant
- 10) First Appearance Court and civil returns
- 11) Jury trials

The Court may make exceptions for these appearances with a showing of good cause.

D. County Court WebEx Appearances

WebEx appearances are authorized for:

- 1) Video writs
- 2) Inmates from the Boulder County Jail when necessary
- 3) Continuances (administrative continuances may still be requested with timely emails to the division)
- 4) Setting of motions and trial

E. Civil and Domestic Relations Proceedings

The District Court Civil Divisions and Magistrate Division, Domestic Relations Divisions and Magistrate Division, Dependency and Neglect Division, Self-Represented Litigant Office, and Family Court Facilitator Office will start in-court/office appearances on July 1, 2021. All hearings scheduled on or after this date shall be presumptively in-person, except where otherwise indicated on individual setting notices. Exceptions to in-court/office appearances shall be at the discretion of the judicial officer or service provider.

Division O will begin transition to in-person appearances starting July 1, 2021. Contact Division O for more information.

Civil court trials and small claims trials are at the discretion of the Court.

Forcible Entry and Detainer appearances may be either in person or WebEx.

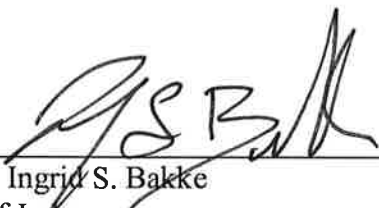
If there are any questions regarding a specific case, please contact the division it has been assigned to and check with the Court Judicial Assistant.

F. Jury Trials

Effective June 14, 2021 criminal and civil jury trials will return to normal operations.

G. General WebEx Availability to Non-Parties

WebEx may be available upon the filing of a motion by a party to the case or at the discretion of the Division Judge. However, WebEx will not be made available to the public absent the above exceptions beginning 7/1/21.



Hon. Ingrid S. Bakke
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Twentieth Judicial District