



**CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2020-05
STATE OF COLORADO
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**COVID-19 ORDER REGARDING FILING OF FORCIBLE
ENTRY AND DETAINER ACTIONS THROUGH MAY 1, 2020**

This order is being issued to provide further guidance to parties and attorneys during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. In response to the pandemic, the court has limited its operations and has reduced its on-site staffing as directed. See CJO 2020-02 and 2020-03. Most civil proceedings, including Forcible Entry and Detainer ("FED") actions (C.R.S. § 13-40-101, et seq.) scheduled through May 1, 2020, have been vacated and continued to a later date.

Because of the short time (7-14 days) for the return of summons in FED actions, the court cannot hear return dates on summons in such actions until May 4, 2020 or later. Therefore, the court directs the Jefferson and Gilpin County Clerk's Offices to reject all FED complaints filed (electronically or in person) before April 28, 2020.

This order expires on May 1, 2020, unless continued by the Chief Judge for COVID-19 concerns.

March 23, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JRP", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey R. Pilkington, Chief Judge
First Judicial District