



**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO
ADAMS AND BROOMFIELD COUNTIES**

**ADDENDUM TO NINTH AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER COVID-19 EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 23, 2020
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND ORDER**

Issued December 22, 2020

ADDENDUM to 2020-01 A9

In light of the public health risk posed by COVID-19 (“novel coronavirus”) and the advisories and information circulated by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and the Tri-County Health Department (TCHD), recommending active steps to slow the spread of the disease and precautions to reduce the risk of exposure, the 17th Judicial District Courts and Probation will continue to operate in an emergency status.

I issued the *Ninth Amended Administrative Order Regarding Court Operations Under COVID-19 Effective November 23, 2020 Until Further Notice and Order* on November 23, 2020. On December 7, 2020, TCHD extended its public health order to limit public and private gatherings for another 30 days and it ordered a curfew for Adams County. COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations remain very high in Adams County and the county remains in Level Red-Severe Risk. I was advised by TCHD on December 16, 2020, that it expects that Adams County will not be moved to Orange, a lower level color, for four months. TCHD recommends that jury trials be suspended to at least February 1, 2021. The judicial officers considered continuation of jury trials at an en banc on December 14, 2020. The judicial officers in Adams and Broomfield Counties agree that jury trials should be suspended until February 1, 2021 since jury panels cannot be safely assembled.

The CDPHE prepares statewide tables of two-week cumulative incidence rates and current epidemic curve. These tables are updated daily and can be viewed through the CDPHE website at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data>. Adams County currently has a two-week cumulative incidence rate of 858/100,000. The Adams County’s two-week average positivity rate is 11.5%, which is now consistent with the surrounding counties. Broomfield County has a two-week cumulative incidence rate of 407/100,000 and a two-week average

positivity rate of 6%.

Like TCHD and CDPHE, leadership in the 17th Judicial District, including judicial officers, executives, administration and supervisors, are committed to swift actions and targeted strategies to fight COVID-19. Thus, we continue to take voluntary mitigating steps for the health and safety of our courthouse community and the community we serve as described more fully below. We will always comply fully with the recommendations of TCHD, but we will also take extra precautions if circumstances dictate. Under these concerning circumstances, we are taking additional mitigating steps for the health and safety of our personnel and our community.

This ADDENDUM modifies the Ninth Amended Administrative Order issued on November 23, 2020 as follows:

1. All jury trials are suspended up to, but not including, February 1, 2021;
2. ACJC court personnel will work a hybrid 100% schedule- 60% in the ACJC, 40% from home until further notice. Broomfield court personnel will also continue to work a hybrid schedule;
3. The Clerk's office in Adams County will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. until February 1, 2021;
4. The Clerk's office in Broomfield County will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. until February 1, 2021;
5. The Adams County Justice Center, the Broomfield County Courts and Probation will close at 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
6. The First Appearance Center at the ACJC will remain closed to the public.

The 17th JD is committed to and invites all visitors to join us to:

- WEAR MASK IN COURT AND PUBLIC GATHERINGS
- MAINTAIN 6 FT DISTANCE BETWEEN EACH OTHER
- WASH HANDS REGULARLY OR USE HAND SANITIZER FREQUENTLY
- REGULARLY SANITIZE HIGH TOUCH SURFACES LIKE CELL PHONES, KEYBOARDS MICE AND HEADSETS
- STAY HOME WITH ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND ISOLATE WHEN SICK OR COVID-19 POSITIVE
- GET TESTED AT THE ONSET OF COVID-19 SYMPTOMS OR NOTIFIED OF CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE POSITIVE

- WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD RESILIENCE AND MANAGE JOB STRESS
- CONTINUE TO USE VIRTUAL AND TELEPHONE HEARINGS AS THE PREFERRED METHOD WHENEVER POSSIBLE

Probation: The 17th Judicial Probation Department will continue with scaled back operations until February 1, 2021. The ACJC courthouse Probation Office will be closed through February 1, 2021.

SO ORDERED this 22nd day of December 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

By the COURT,



EMILY E. ANDERSON
Chief Judge
Seventeenth Judicial District