

MONTANA ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE

Consistent with the directives of the State of Montana and the Montana Supreme Court, the Flathead County District Court Judges are working diligently to limit potential exposure of members of the public, attorneys, and court staff to COVID-19. At least until **April 30, 2020**, the following procedures will be put into place:

- (1) Any civil jury trial scheduled to go to trial before April 30, 2020, will be continued to the next available date. This will impact Judge Eddy's civil jury term beginning April 6, 2020, and Judge Allison's civil jury term beginning April 20, 2020.
- (2) Any criminal jury trial scheduled to go to trial before April 30, 2020, will be continued upon request. This may impact Judge Wilson's criminal jury term beginning April 6, 2020, and Judge Ulbricht's criminal jury term beginning April 20, 2020.
- (3) Parties should file motions to continue any non-essential hearings. To the extent possible, participation by telephone or videoconference will be required for any essential hearings.
- (4) Effective IMMEDIATELY, all attorneys filing documents in cases not supported by e-filing (DA, DP, DG and Orders of Protection) shall email the documents to flatheadclerkofcourt@flathead.mt.gov.
- (5) Effective IMMEDIATELY, all self-represented litigants are required (to the extent possible) to file the documents electronically by emailing the documents to flatheadclerkofcourt@flathead.mt.gov.

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE COURTHOUSE UNLESS NECESSARY

We appreciate your flexibility coordinating with us during this time when everyone's patience is essential. We hope you understand this situation is a challenge to all of us, and our primary concern is to avoid and minimize serious risks. We understand, in turn, that litigants' resolution of their legal problems is a highest priority and we are committed to maintaining access to the courts.

Thank you,
District Court Judges Amy Eddy, Robert Allison, Heidi Ulbricht and Dan Wilson