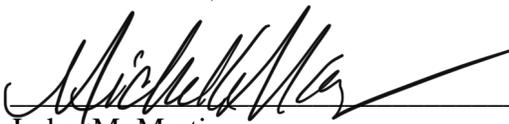


COURTROOM 3F STANDING ORDER RE IN-PERSON HEARINGS

In light of the COVID-19 public health crisis and pursuant to all other issued ORDERS, the Court gives notice to all parties of the following procedures and orders that are being put in place immediately in regard to the in-person hearings in Division 3F of the Denver County Court. As “[i]t is fundamental that trial courts are vested with certain inherent powers necessary for courts to act efficiently; these inherent powers include all powers reasonably necessary to allow the court to efficiently perform its judicial functions and to make its lawful actions effective. Laleh v. Johnson, 2016 COA 4, aff’d on other grounds, 2017 CO 93

1. Docket matters will presumably be conducted virtually for purposes of all proceedings except Jury Trials, until further order of the court.
2. The court recognizes that pursuant to Crim. P. Rule 43, as well as pursuant to Due Process considerations, certain matters must occur in person unless Defendant has consented to an appearance in virtual court for the procedural aspect of their matter.
3. However, it is proper for the court to set procedures in the interest of the efficient dispensing of justice and in the interest of practical docket management. Courtroom 3F staff are working remotely in consideration of COVID-19 safety measures.
4. The court is ordering that Defendant must give at least **seven days’ notice** to the court and the Deputy District Attorney assigned to the case that Defendant will **not** consent to a virtual hearing.
5. Parties appearing for an in-person hearing are subjected to additional orders as follows:
 - a. All parties must observe appropriate social distancing of at least six feet while in the hallways of the courthouse or the courtroom;
 - b. Counsel will be expected to coordinate with the Court prior to the hearing for access to the courtroom for the setting up of equipment;
 - c. All parties must wear a facial covering **AT ALL TIMES** while in the courthouse and the courtroom, which cover the nose and mouth and are made from cloth or other appropriate material;
 - d. **NO** paperwork will be presented to the Court physically. All paperwork must be presented electronically prior to the hearing;
 - e. **NO** paperwork will be signed and passed back and forth in Court;
 - f. **NO** parties are permitted to approach the court staff, or the bench.
 - g. **NO** parties are permitted to enter the courthouse or courtroom if they have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the preceding 14 days or if they themselves have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 currently.

SO ORDERED,



Judge M. Martinez
Denver County Court

9/3/20

Date