

1 20th Judicial District Court
2 Lake County Courthouse
3 106 Fourth Avenue East
4 Polson, MT 59860

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SANDERS COUNTY CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
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SB 20-01
SB 20-02

June 1, 2020
UPDATED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Montana 20th Judicial District Court

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9 To all Lake and Sanders County Attorneys:

10 This Administrative Order shall be effective June 1, 2020. It supersedes prior
11 Administrative Orders.

12 Due to developing directives by the governor, Montana Supreme Court and county
13 commissioners, an Administrative Order is required.

14 This Order does not apply to jury trials. A separate Administrative Order will be issued for
15 jury trials. This Order may be modified by the judge in jurisdiction, on a case-by-case basis.

16 Hearings and trials may be conducted and attended remotely or in the district courtroom.
17 Remote attendance is the preferred method. For in-court hearings and non-jury trials, the
18 following measures will be followed, which are developed with the guidance of county health
19 nurses:

- 20 1. Before entering the district courtroom, people will be required to sanitize their
21 hands.
- 22 2. Everyone in the courtroom will wear a mask, except when speaking to the court.
- 23 3. Social distancing of six feet will be enforced, for non-household members.
24 Spectators may attend court to the extent space is available.
- 25 4. Each person will be screened at the courtroom door regarding symptoms of the
26 virus. Anyone with symptoms in the previous 14 days will be excluded, and
may be required to appear remotely.

23 Civil cases:

- 24 1. All filing deadlines, for filings that were due before June 1, 2020, were extended
25 60 days by previous Administrative Order. For filings due after June 1, 2020,
26 filing deadlines will be enforced according to the usual statutes and rules.
2. Filings with the Clerk of Court will be according to rules and guidelines which
were in place prior to March, 2020.

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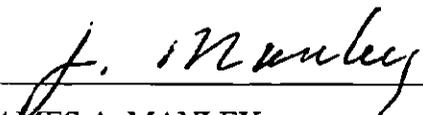
1 3. Hearings and non-jury trials may now be scheduled. Attorneys or parties should
2 request a new date setting, if yours was continued.

3 Criminal cases:

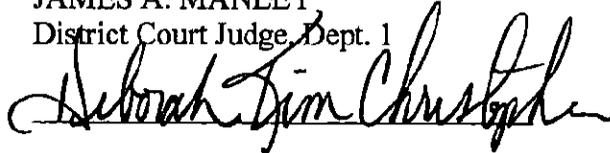
- 4 1. Incarcerated defendants will continue to appear remotely, to be arranged by the
5 defendant's attorney. (Preferably Polycom or Zoom). In-court appearance may
6 be authorized in specific cases by the judge in jurisdiction.
7 2. All other matters may be conducted remotely or in the district courtroom.

8 Screening: The attached screening protocols will be applied.

9 DATED this 1st day of June, 2020.

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11 JAMES A. MANLEY
12 District Court Judge, Dept. 1

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14 DEBORAH KIM CHRISTOPHER
15 District Court Judge, Dept. 2

16 POLYCOM:

- 17 ■ Download "Real Presence" app.
18 ■ Lake County IP#: 161.7.29.142##4920026
19 161.7.29.142##2152048 *Virtual Meeting Room*
20 ■ Sanders County IP#: 161.7.29.142##4920054
21 161.7.29.142##2152049 *Virtual Meeting Room*

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23 *6/1/2020 - sent via email to LHM Distribution List.*

24 cc: Youth Court
25 Lake County Sheriff's Office
26 Sanders County Sheriff's Office
Probation & Parole
CASA

**MONTANA TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
LAKE AND SANDERS COUNTIES**

June 1, 2020

Pursuant to medical guidelines and Administrative Order of this date, prior to entering the district courtroom, all parties are required to be medically screened, as follows:

1. All people must sanitize their hands before entering courtroom.
2. Everyone in the courtroom will wear a mask, except when speaking to the court.
3. Social distancing of six feet will be enforced. Spectators may attend court to the extent space is available.
4. Each person will be screened at the courtroom door regarding symptoms of the virus. The following questions must be answered:

In the last 14 days, have you experienced any of the following:

- Higher than normal temperature, or chills
- Cough or sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Aches or soreness of body
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell

Yes _____

No _____

DATE _____

NAME _____