

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
OF THE  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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MAR 18 2020

*Shirley A. Johnson Lepp*  
Clerk

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RE:

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
COUNTIES OF PENNINGTON, ) SS  
FALL RIVER/OGLALA LAKOTA, )  
AND CUSTER )

IN CIRCUIT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER APPROVING

STANDING ORDER REGARDING  
COVID-19 COURTHOUSE  
SAFETY MEASURES

By the Court's Order of March 13, 2020, Declaring Judicial  
Emergency COVID-19 Disease the South Dakota Supreme Court  
declared the existence of a judicial emergency pursuant to SDCL 16-3-  
11 through 15 and pursuant to the Court's authority to administer  
justice and to ensure the safety of court personnel, litigants and the  
public, it is

ORDERED that the attached Standing Order Regarding COVID-19  
Courthouse Safety Measures of the Seventh Judicial Circuit be and it  
is hereby approved in its entirety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall remain in effect  
until further order of the Court.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota this 18th day of March, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

*David Gilbertson*

David Gilbertson, Chief Justice

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
(SEAL)

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SAFETY MEASURES

It is hereby ordered that, effective immediately, persons, including the public, parties to litigation, defendants, and employees, shall not enter the Pennington County, those portions of the Fall River County or Custer County Courthouse in which court business is performed (courtrooms, clerks' offices or court service offices) if they fall into any of the categories below:

- 1) Persons who have traveled to or live with someone who has traveled to any of the following countries in the last 14 days: China, South Korea, any European Country, Iran, or any Country as identified by the CDC as having widespread transmission or a Country that is the subject of travel restrictions,
- 2) Person who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, medical provider, or health agency during the duration of the self-quarantine,
- 3) Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 until they have completed a quarantine period as directed by any doctor, medical provider, or health agency,
- 4) Persons with a cough, fever over 100.4°F, or shortness of breath, and
- 5) Persons under the age of 10.

Court Security Officers or other Court Personnel as directed may question any person entering the Courthouse to determine whether they fall into any of these categories. If a person falls into these categories, they may be denied further entry into the Courthouse.

Persons who fall into high risk categories such as those over the age of 60, those with underlying conditions including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes, those who are pregnant, or have weakened immune systems are encouraged to request a reset of court dates or to use alternative methods for obtaining services at the Courthouse.

Anyone who is present in the Courthouse for a court appearance and falls into an above-listed category will be allowed to reschedule that Court appearance. Anyone who is present in the Courthouse for other purposes, will be provided information on how to access services and paperwork online or provided other information related to their purpose at the Courthouse. Please visit our website at [https://uj.s.sd.gov/Seventh\\_Circuit/Default.aspx](https://uj.s.sd.gov/Seventh_Circuit/Default.aspx) for additional information.


If you fall into one of the above-listed categories and are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney to reschedule your court date. If you are an attorney and fall into one of the above-listed categories, please contact the Judge or Court Administration to reschedule your court appearance at 605-394-2570 in Pennington County; 605-745-5131 in Fall River/Oglala Lakota Counties; or 605-673-4816 in Custer County. If you are a probationer and fall into one of the above-listed categories, please contact your court services officer to reschedule your appointment at 605-394-2595 in Pennington County; 605-745-5131 in Fall River/Oglala Lakota Counties; or 605-673-4816 in Custer County. If you are a juror and fall into one of the above-listed categories, please contact the Jury Manager at 605-394-2570 in Pennington County; 605-745-5131 in Fall River/Oglala Lakota Counties; or 605-673-4816 in Custer County. For all other purposes, please contact the Clerk of Courts at 605-394-2570 in Pennington County; 605-745-5131 in Fall River/Oglala Lakota Counties; or 605-673-4816 in Custer County. Individuals are encouraged to make arrangements to reset court dates prior to the date of the scheduled appearance.

Attorneys with business at the Courthouse are encouraged to use alternative methods such as email and US mail for providing documents to the Court.

These restrictions will remain in place until April 30, 2020. These restrictions are subject to change at any time.

Dated this 18 day of March, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



Hon. Craig A. Pfeifle  
Presiding Judge

ATTEST:  
Ranae Truman, Clerk of Courts

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy



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