

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF CLATSOP

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CLATSOP CIRCUIT COURT
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TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of)
IMPLEMENTATION)
OF "LEVEL 3" RESTRICTIONS ON)
COURT OPERATIONS)
)

GENERAL ORDER, 2020 - 05

Effective immediately and to remain in effect until further Order of the Presiding Judge:

IT IS ORDERED:

"Level 3" restrictions on court operations as detailed in the attached Chief Justice Order 20-006 are in effect for Clatsop Circuit Court.

Additionally, and notwithstanding any Supplemental Local Rule to the contrary, the following procedures are in effect in Clatsop County Circuit Court:

1. All hearings that are rescheduled pursuant to sections 2, 3 or 4 of Chief Justice Order 20-006 shall be set at least 60 days from the date of this order.
2. For any hearing in which a defendant is in custody, except a felony sentencing, defendant's participation **shall** be by simultaneous electronic transmission unless a party or attorney for a party requests defendant's in-person appearance. Requests must be in writing, filed at least 24 hours before the time of the hearing, and include reasons why in-person appearance is necessary. The presiding judge will rule on all such requests.
3. For any hearing in which a defendant is out of custody, except a felony sentencing, defendant **shall** participate by simultaneous electronic transmission unless the court has ordered otherwise.
4. Attorneys **shall** appear by simultaneous electronic transmission for all court appearances unless to do so would compromise their ability to represent their clients. Attorneys shall notify the court by email, prior to the hearing, if they will appear in person. No attorney or client shall appear in person if they are exhibiting any symptom of COVID-19.
5. Except when statutory or constitutional timelines apply or judicial findings are required, court staff may approve requests to reset hearings without need for a motion. Requests shall be made by email except that telephone requests are acceptable if time is of the essence.

6. Persons who are required to pay court financial obligations on a monthly payment plan will be allowed a 90-day grace period prior to any collection action being taken. Payments will be suspended during the 90-day grace period. This provision does not apply to rent payments that a judge has ordered be made to the court in landlord/tenant cases.
7. All deadlines for completion of community service or work crew in adult and juvenile cases are extended for 90 days from the date of this order.
8. Any out of custody defendant scheduled to serve a local jail sentence may reschedule the turn-in date by contacting the Clatsop County Jail. Jail staff may also require defendants to reschedule turn-in dates to begin no sooner than 60 days from the date of this order without obtaining prior judicial approval.
9. Any youth scheduled to serve detention time pursuant to a court order may reschedule service of their detention time by contacting the Juvenile Department. Juvenile Department staff may require youth to reschedule service of their detention time to begin on a date no sooner than 60 days from the date of this order without obtaining prior judicial approval.
10. Any party to a domestic relations case who is required by SLR 8.046 to complete the parent education program may complete a comparable class online or in another location without obtaining prior court approval. The party must file a certificate of completion with the court.

Online courses can be found at:

<https://online.divorce-education.com>

<https://www.divorce-education.com/or/clatsop>

<https://www.pricelessparenting.com/parentingclasses>

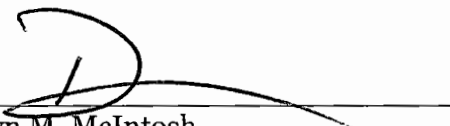
<https://www.positiveparenting.com/court-approved-online-parenting>

11. The time limitations contained in Chapters 12 and 13 of the Supplemental Local Rules for scheduling and completion of Mediation and Arbitration shall be extended by 90 days from the original deadline. A party's request to participate in mediation or arbitration via telephone or video shall be accommodated whenever possible.
12. Court hearings will continue to be open to the public subject to restrictions on the number of non-participants in the courtroom to allow for social distancing. Any person exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 shall leave the courthouse immediately.
13. The lobby and other public areas of the courthouse will continue to be open to the public during normal business hours but will be subject to restrictions on the number of people present in order to allow for social distancing. Only legally

required in-person court services will be provided. Any person exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 shall leave the courthouse immediately.

14. Clatsop County Circuit Court treatment courts (Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Family Treatment Court) are important and necessary programs and may continue to operate with procedural modifications. Proceedings may be conducted by telephone, video, or in person as directed by the treatment court judge in a manner that allows for social distancing.
15. Procedural updates will be posted on the Clatsop County Circuit Court website at <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/clatsop/Pages/default.aspx>

Dated: March 17, 2020



Dawn M. McIntosh
Presiding Judge, 18th Judicial District