

**MUNICIPAL COURT, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO**

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**ORDER re: COURT'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

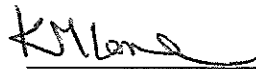
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The City of Fort Collins is taking the appropriate measures to ensure the health and well-being of its employees and citizens. To that end, the Fort Collins Municipal Court is closed to the public effective today, Tuesday, March 17 at 11:30 AM through April 2, 2020. Cases will still be handled in a fair, just and impartial manner during this time with the same high standards of accountability, integrity and equity. The Court will remain in communication with the community through the Court's web site at [www.fcgov.com/court](http://www.fcgov.com/court). Updated information is, and will continue to be, given there regarding the status of the Court's closure and handling of cases.

The Court also orders the following, to be in effect while the Court is closed to the public:

1. Video advisements with Defendants at the jail will still be held most Tuesdays and Fridays with Prosecutors and Court-Appointed Defense Counsel present in the courtroom. If a Defendant expresses a desire to have members of the public present, the hearing will be postponed until the Court is reopened to the public.
2. Speedy trial will be tolled on all cases in which a plea of "not guilty" has already been entered, effective immediately and continuing until the Court is reopened to the public.
3. All classes which have already been court-ordered as part of a disposition may be completed on-line. Deadlines for all disposition conditions will remain as is unless/until a Motion for Extension has been filed and granted.
4. In addition to the information provided on the Court's web site about the Prosecution extending the early settlement/payment discount options on certain traffic citations, Defendants with all other citations may file a "Request to Plead Guilty/No Contest without Appearance". To do so, Defendants should email (preferred option) or call the Court to obtain that form for their case. The request will then be reviewed by the Prosecution and decided by the Court.
5. The Court will take judicial notice of the registry of action and other FullCourt computer entries, documents, and any other available information to establish the identification of the Defendant as the individual who sent or received communication from the Court regarding any action taken on a case.

**ORDERED BY THE COURT:**



Kathleen M. Lane, Chief Judge

Dated: 03/17/2020

The Prosecution has no objection to the above-stated Order:



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For the City Attorney's Office

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Date 03/17/2020