

MAR 16 2020

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-001
TEMPORARY PREVENTIVE MEASURES – COVID-19

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Court Clerk: CM

NOW ON THIS 15th day of March, 2020 the Court issues the following temporary measures in an effort to reduce the potential spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

1. All Civil Dockets will be suspended for the weeks of March 16 and March 23, 2020, with the exception of Forcible Entry and Detainer cases, Emergency / Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Orders, Emergency Orders of Detention (mental health matters).
2. All Criminal and Civil Infraction / Traffic Dockets will continue as scheduled and the Presiding Judge may choose to implement additional protective measures such as phone or video court, limiting the number of persons in the Courtroom for proceedings, etc. Any additional protective measures, preferred by that presiding judge, shall be in writing and posted on the door of the Courthouse and provided to the Comanche Nation Public Information Office and Information Technology for publication. Law Enforcement shall receive a copy of the posting.
3. All Family Law Cases (Guardianships, Child Custody, Divorce, Child Welfare) are suspended for the weeks of March 16 and March 23, 2020, with the exception of Emergency / Ex Parte Custody hearings and Protective Orders.
4. All cases which were set on the suspended dockets are hereby reset for the same day of the week at the same time, exactly two (2) weeks later.
5. All Judges and Court staff shall go to work as normal.
6. Judges who preside over dockets that remain open should continue to use their discretion in granting continuances requested for reasons related to public health.
7. At no time from March 15, 2020 through March 27, 2020 shall there be more than ten people in the lobby of the Courthouse.
8. The following persons shall not be admitted to the Comanche Nation Tribal Court Building, and such conditions shall be considered when continuances are requested:
 - Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with, coronavirus;
 - Persons with apparent symptoms of coronavirus, such as fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath;
 - Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, board of health, or other medical provider, or health agency, or who reside with anyone who has been asked to self-quarantine;
 - Persons who have travelled / returned from high risk areas (California, New York, Washington, or internationally within the last fourteen (14) days;

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Lisa B. Otipoby Herbert
Chief Judge