

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF RENO  
COUNTY OF WASHOE, STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF  
The Reno Municipal Court's  
Response to Coronavirus  
Disease (COVID-19)

Administrative Order: 2020-01

Nevada Revised Statutes 5.021 charges the Chief Judge of the Reno Municipal Court with adopting "such...rules or regulations as are necessary for the orderly conduct of court business." NRS 5.021(c).

On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). In addition, on March 13, 2020, Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve declared a city-wide state of emergency based on the same. Finally, on March 16, 2020, Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice Kristina Pickering ordered that all non-essential proceedings, including jury trials and those matters involving face-to face contact in Nevada limited jurisdiction courts, be suspended for thirty days.

Accordingly, this Court ORDERS the following, effective March 17, 2020 until otherwise ordered:

- 1) The video arraignment docket is a critical function of Reno Municipal Court and will be held as usual on Monday through Thursday commencing at 8:30 AM. Legal defenders and interpreters are permitted to appear in Courtroom E in the Reno Municipal Court at One South Sierra Street in Reno, rather than inside the in-custody holding area at the Washoe County Detention Facility. The legal defenders will be permitted to use the court's video communication equipment in order to confer with their clients outside the presence of the Deputy City Attorney and judge prior to commencement of the docket. The court is pursuing alternatives that can be quickly implemented to allow the parties to appear remotely. All domestic battery trials will be set at least 45 days after arraignment.

1 All other trials will be set at least 60 days out. It is the determination of this Court  
2 that the current public health emergency constitutes good cause to continue all  
3 trials past 60 days from arraignment, regardless of a defendant's invocation of  
4 their Nevada right to a speedy trial, so long as the trial is scheduled to occur as  
5 soon as possible after normal court business procedures are reinstated.

- 6 2) The designated on-call judge will continue as per usual to review agency probable  
7 cause statements for in-custody defendants (Gerstein review) as usual on each  
8 Monday through Sunday morning.
- 9 3) Existing traffic Arraignments will be continued for 45 days. New citations (those  
10 issued March 17, 2020 and later) will be scheduled for arraignment no earlier than  
11 120 days from issuance. Reno Municipal Court staff will reschedule and inform  
12 all parties of the new court dates.
- 13 4) Current out-of custody arraignment docket cases are continued at least 45 days.  
14 New (March 17, 2020 and later) out-of-custody arraignments will be set at least 90  
15 days from the date of a defendant's release from Washoe County Detention  
16 Facility, with the exception of Domestic Battery, Temporary and Extended  
17 Protective Order Violation, and Stalking and Harassment cases (45 days) and  
18 Driving Under the Influence cases (60 days). Reno Municipal Court staff will  
19 reschedule and inform all parties of the new court dates.
- 20 5) All trials will be continued at least 30 days. Motion hearings will also be  
21 continued 30 days. Reno Municipal Court staff will reschedule and inform all  
22 parties of the new trial dates.
- 23 6) All pending motions will be decided on the papers unless otherwise determined by  
24 the presiding judge. Should the presiding judge determine that a hearing is  
25 necessary, it will be scheduled no earlier than April 15, 2020.
- 26 7) All specialty court dockets will be continued to no earlier than May 1, 2020.

27 Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions  
28 and that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. As a result, the following

1 notice will be posted at the entrance of the Reno Municipal Court advising the following  
2 people that they may not enter the court facility:

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4 1. Persons who in the last 14 days have traveled to a country designated as a Level 3  
5 travel health notice according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
6 Currently those countries include: China, Iran, South Korea, Austria, Belgium, Czech  
7 Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece,  
8 Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg,  
9 Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden,  
10 Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City. The list is subject to change by the  
11 CDC.

12 2. Persons who reside or have close contact with someone who has travelled to any  
13 foreign country above within the last 14 days;

14 3. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health  
15 agency;

16 4. Persons who have been diagnosed with coronavirus or who has had contact in the  
17 past 14 days with anyone who has been diagnosed with CoVID-19; or

18 5. Persons with unexplained fever, cough or shortness of breath.

19 Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by  
20 Reno Municipal Court Marshals.

21 If a person is ordered to appear in Reno Municipal Court despite the above continued  
22 hearings and is unable to appear because of the restrictions above, the person may call 775-  
23 334-2290 to speak to a customer service representative for assistance in rescheduling their  
24 court appearance.

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This order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified or rescinded by a subsequent order.

Entered this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

  
TAMMY M. RIGGS  
Chief Judge  
Reno Municipal Court

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2 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

3 Pursuant to NRCPC 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the Reno Municipal Court,  
4 Reno, Nevada, and that on this date I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document,  
5 Reno Municipal Court Administrative Order 2020-01 on the party(ies) set forth below:  
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7 \_\_\_\_\_ Placing said document in a sealed envelope placed for collecting and mailing in the  
8 United States mail, at Reno, Nevada, postage prepaid, following ordinary business  
9 practices.

10 \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile (FAX).

11 \_\_\_\_\_ Reno/Carson Messenger Service.

12 \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Express or other overnight delivery.

13 \_\_\_\_\_ Inner-office mail following ordinary business practices.

14  X  Email

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DATED this 17th day of March, 2020.

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