

COVID-19 Response



The South Dakota Unified Judicial System is committed to providing services to the public in a manner that allows access to the court system but also recognizes the importance of the well-being of those that do business with the courts including the public, litigants, witnesses, jurors, attorneys and court staff.

On March 13, 2020 the South Dakota Supreme Court declared a judicial emergency from the COVID 19 Disease in the [attached order](#). That order granted the Presiding Judges of each of South Dakota's seven judicial circuits the authority to enter orders to respond to the public health emergency in their respective jurisdictions. A copy of the orders currently approved is included below:

- [ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY COVID-19 DISEASE](#)
- [Order Suspending 180-Day Rule \(23A-44-5.1\)](#)
- [Order Suspending Stipulation Requirement for Use of Interactive Audiovisual Device](#)
- [Order Regarding Court Reporters, Witnesses, and Notarization](#)
- [Order Amending Rules & Regulations for Admission of Attorneys to Practice Law](#)
- [Order Postal Procedures](#)

1st Circuit COVID Procedures for the counties of Aurora, Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Davison, Douglas, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner, Union and Yankton

- [1st Circuit Administrative Order #1](#)
- [1st Circuit Administrative Order #2](#)
- [1st Circuit Administrative Order #3](#)
- [1st Circuit Administrative Order #4](#)
- [1st Circuit Administrative Order #5](#)

- [1st Circuit Administrative Order #6](#)
- [1st Circuit Administrative Order #7](#)

2nd Circuit COVID Procedures for the counties of Lincoln and Minnehaha

- [2nd Circuit Standing Order Regarding Courthouse Safety Measures](#)
- [2nd Circuit Standing Order In The Matter Of Warrants](#)
- [2nd Circuit Standing Order Regarding Facial Coverings](#)
- [2nd Circuit Standing Order Regarding Declaration of Public Health Emergency](#)
- [2nd Circuit Standing Order Regarding Remote Court Appearances](#)
- [2nd Circuit Standing Order Regarding Security Measures](#)
- [2nd Circuit Standing Order Regarding Juvenile Pleas](#)
- [2nd Circuit Standing Order Regarding Courthouse Security Measures](#)
- [2nd Circuit Standing Order Regarding Courthouse Security Measures \(10/20/2020\)](#)
- [2nd Circuit Standing Order Regarding Courthouse Security Measures \(4-6-2021\)](#)
- [2nd Circuit Standing Order Regarding Courthouse Safety Measures \(7-1-2021\)](#)
- [2nd Circuit Standing Order Revoking Misdemeanor Warrants \(Notwithstanding domestic abuse, stalking, violation of protection orders, and violations of no contact orders\) To PR Bench Warrants \(7-27-2021\)](#)

3rd Circuit COVID Procedures for the counties of Beadle, Brookings, Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner, Moody and Sanborn

- [3rd Circuit Administrative Order #1](#)
- [3rd Circuit Administrative Order #2](#)
- [3rd Circuit Administrative Order #3](#)

4th Circuit COVID Procedures for the counties of Butte, Corson, Dewey, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Perkins and Ziebach

- [4th Circuit Administrative Order #1](#)
- [4th Circuit Administrative Order #2](#)
- [4th Circuit Administrative Order #3](#)
- [4th Circuit Administrative Order Regarding Jurors](#)
- [4th Circuit Administrative Order Regarding Sturgis Motorcycle Rally](#)
- [4th Circuit Administrative Order Requiring Wearing Of Face Coverings](#)
- [4th Circuit Administrative Order Regarding Moratorium On Jury Trials](#)
- [4th Circuit Administrative Order Regarding Pandemic Response](#)

5th Circuit COVID Procedures for the counties of Brown, Campbell, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Marshall, McPherson, Roberts, Spink and Walworth

- [5th Circuit Administrative Order](#)
- [5th Circuit First Amended Procedures](#)
- [5th Circuit Seconded Amended Procedures](#)
- [5th Circuit Third Amended Procedures](#)
- [5th Circuit Fifth Amended Procedures](#)
- [5th Circuit Sixth Amended Procedures](#)
- [5th Circuit Seventh Amended Procedures](#)
- [5th Circuit Eighth Amended Procedures](#)
- [5th Circuit Ninth Amended Procedures](#)
- [5th Circuit Tenth Amended Procedures](#)
- [5th Circuit Eleventh Amended Procedures](#)

- [5th Circuit Twelfth Amended Procedures \(Withdrawn\)](#)
- [5th Circuit Thirteenth Amended Procedures](#)

6th Circuit COVID Procedures for the counties of Bennett, Gregory, Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Jackson, Jones, Lyman, Mellette, Potter, Stanley, Sully, Todd and Trip

- [6th Circuit COVID Procedures](#)
- [6th Circuit First Amended Procedures](#)
- [6th Circuit Second Amended Procedures](#)
- [6th Circuit Third Amended Procedures](#)
- [6th Circuit Order Regarding Petit Jurors](#)
- [6th Circuit Order Requiring The Wearing Of Face Coverings](#)
- [6th Circuit Amended Order Requiring The Wearing of Face Coverings](#)
- [6th Circuit Fourth Amended Procedures](#)

7th Circuit COVID Procedures for the counties of Custer, Fall River, Oglala Lakota and Pennington

- [7th Circuit COVID Protocol](#)
- [7th Circuit Standing Order Regarding Courthouse Safety Measures](#)
- [7th Circuit Administrative Order Regarding Case Processing](#)
- [7th Circuit Standing Order In The Matter Of Warrants](#)
- [7th Circuit Facial Covering Order](#)
- [7th Circuit Order Regarding Child Support Warrants](#)
- [7th Circuit Order on Jury Trials in Pennington County](#)
- [7th Circuit Order Approving Order Regarding Courthouse Safety Measures](#)

- [7th Circuit Order Regarding Audio/Visual Interactive Device Use](#)
- [7th Circuit Order Regarding Moratorium On Jury Trials](#)
- [7th Circuit 2nd Order Regarding Moratorium On Jury Trials](#)
- [7th Circuit 2nd Amended Order On Jury Trials In Pennington County](#)

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