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MONTANA THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, YELLOWSTONE COUNTY  
IN RE THE OPERATIONS OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19.  
November 13, 2020  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

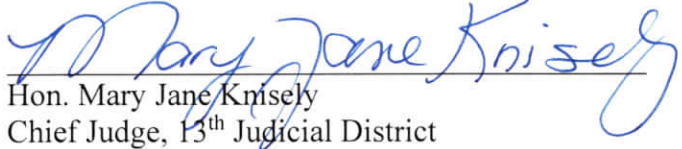
Upon agreement of the Judges of the Thirteenth Judicial District, the District's Administrative Order of May 1, 2020, **IS HEREBY EXTENDED as follows:**

1. **Civil Jury Trials**: All civil jury trials scheduled to begin prior to January 4, 2021, shall be continued. The respective Departments will hold scheduling conferences with the parties to reset civil jury trials.
2. **Practices to be continued or implemented in accordance with Chief Justice McGrath's May 22, 2020, Direction and the October 12, 2020, October 14, 2020, and November 9, 2020, Orders of Health Officer for Yellowstone County:**
  - a. The number of people in the courthouse and in courtrooms will be limited by using remote-hearing or telephonic hearings. Attorneys and litigants will be allowed to appear remotely if requesting to do so by motion or by making arrangements with the assigned court.

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- b. All physical gatherings are limited to no more than 25 people and must readily allow for appropriate physical distancing.
  
- c. Individuals **must** comply with the Court’s medical screening and safety protocols. Please check posted signage for distancing guidelines. Masks, gloves and sanitizer are available, and courtrooms will be frequently sanitized. **Face coverings are required unless medical documentation of hardship is approved by the presiding judge.** The CDC has indicated that masks can assist in stopping the transmission of COVID-19 and may be helpful in slowing the spread of the illness.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:** November 13, 2020.

  
Hon. Mary Jane Knisely  
Chief Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District