

With everything that is going on, I thought I would update you regarding the 8th District Courts and the Domestic Division.

The NM Supreme Court has indicated that the Courts should do what they can to stay open, while limiting exposure. Our District Courts (Taos, Raton, and Clayton) will be on a modified schedule for public access for filings and/or information, from 10-2 weekdays, until further notice.

The Domestic Division will be reviewing its dockets for the upcoming weeks and will let you know regarding any continuances or rescheduling of hearings. We were advised this morning that hearings will be limited to between the hours of 10-2 as well, which the Domestic Division will implement as of Monday, March 23 (you should check with the TCAAs regarding hearings before judges). Everything is subject to change as new mandates regarding COVID-19 precautions are implemented.

NOTE: ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH, AN UPDATED EMAIL WAS SENT, SAYING THE HOURS REDUCTION TO 10 AM – 2 PM WAS DONE PREMATURELY, AND THE CLERK’S WINDOWS WILL BE OPEN NORMAL HOURS.

Our Division has a large number of pro se parties who contact me by telephone; therefore, I would request that you contact me by email if you need to be in touch. Also, there is a possibility that I will be working from home; in which case, that will be the only way to contact me. I will let you know if this comes to pass.

As you are aware, this is a fluid situation and our requirements and/or hours of operation may change quickly. I will do my best to let you know about any major events that occur.

Good Luck.

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