

RIDGEDALE/BROOKDALE/GOLDEN VALLEY

RD and BD will reopen when the Chief Judge's Order closing the courthouses expires.

Pleas by mail and liberal petty resolutions will continue to be encouraged and accepted.

FIRST SIX WEEKS:

Direct drop off IC cases will return to those courthouses. (I am checking with the Sheriff on this and transporting from the jail)

Out of custody calendars are capped at 5 each, but extra calendars throughout the day. (See attached charts.)

Domestic/DWI/ assaults only

If still too many cases, MSD DWIs will be continued, too

One extra calendar of up to 5 daily for prosecutor to designate other cases

Must contact Admin of the courthouse at least two weeks before the date to designate the 5 cases.

Extra courtroom(s) will be used to add space.

Please make offers in advance, so there is not a line of defense attorneys to talk to prosecutors.

Physical changes to allow social distancing and physical separations attached to this document. (masks, gloves, sanitizer, Plexiglas, cleaning schedule)

CONTINUED:

Other case types continued to July and August.

No court trials at RD or BD.

No EVD hearings at RD or BD.

If already set downtown, those will be heard.

Can submit EVD issues on paper at any time. Motion will be assigned to judge by Admin.

TRIALS:

No juries for out of custody cases through mid-June.

Cases will stay on the trial calendar if you do not contact the court with a settlement or joint request to continue the trial.

Master Trial Calendar will be divided ahead of time, so check the boards for your courtroom. Do not all go to 1159.

WEEK 7 AND BEYOND:

All types of cases heard at Divisions.

There will be a large back-up of cases not settled by mail.

Keep using extra calendars and extra courtroom(s).

Will work later into the afternoon/early evening.

Communicate with Erin Lake (RD) and Krista Sandhoefner and Tina Sporlein (BD) about sending extra prosecutors so we can plan space. Also where extra calendar(s) needed.

Possible extra Judicial Officer occasionally if needed.