

MONTANA EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CASCADE COUNTY

STATE OF MONTANA,) CAUSE NO. BDC-19-718
Plaintiff,	ORDER RE DAILY COVID-19 TESTING FOR TRIAL
VS.)
PATRICK DALE HENDERSON,))
Defendant.))
)

The Court incorporates herein as though fully set forth its order dated September 14, 2020 (SB-20-413, Doc. 9), requiring regular testing for COVID-19 of all inmates held at CCDC.

Trial in this case is set for Tuesday, the 29th day of September, 2020, with voir dire beginning at the City of Great Falls Civic Center on Friday, the 25th day of September, 2020. Because of the serious risk to the health and safety of jurors, court staff, parties, lawyers and their staff posed by COVID-19, and in consideration of the outbreak of the virus at the CCDC, it is essential to take all

possible steps to protect participants and persons working or doing business at the Civic Center.

For the above reasons, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- That the Defendant and all persons involved in transporting him to and from trial be tested for COVID daily beginning three days before trial, and continuing through the last day of trial;
- 2) That tests shall be performed using a "quick test" methodology so that results are known in hours, not days;
- That the CCDC or the County Attorney provide a report to the Court, daily, of the results of that testing;
- 4) That in the event that any person, including the Defendant and detention staff involved in transporting him tests positive for COVID-19, that the CCDC and/or the County Attorney immediately notify the Court and defense counsel, even if doing so requires a request to take a recess in trial;
- That if positive tests are returned before the Defendant is transported to trial, the CCDC and/or the County Attorney shall not transport him but instead shall immediately notify the Court;
- 6) That after the trial, the September 14, 2020 Order applies.

DATED this 15th day of September, 2020.

Elizabeth A. Best District Court Judge

cc: Deputy County Attorney/Mattingly
County Attorney/Racki
Defense Counsel/Kuntz
Defendant c/o Defense Counsel
CCDC Sheriff Slaughter

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