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ESSENTIAL SERVICES RESUME AT CROWNPOINT JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Crownpoint Judicial District will continue operations on May 12, 2020, under the Judicial Branch Continuity of Operation Plan (COOP) and applicable Administrative Orders. The Crownpoint District Court will be hearing all **Priority 1 cases** (see below). **All hearings will be telephonic.** The Court building will be closed to the public; however, documents may be delivered to the Crownpoint District Court at its drop box which is located in the front of the Court building.

Priority 1 Cases are the following:

- 1. Criminal proceedings concerning incarcerated defendants (i.e. arraignments, bail hearings, revocation hearings, etc.),
- 2. Detained juveniles and abused/neglected minors' cases (i.e., shelter care hearings),
- 3. Habeas corpus proceedings,
- 4. Involuntary commitment proceedings (i.e., health commitments, guardianships, other civil commitments),
- 5. Extradition and federal detainers,
- 6. Contempt proceedings,
- 7. Protection orders and enforcement proceedings,
- 8. Injunctions proceedings.
- 9. Emergency enforcement proceedings

Filings: Preference for electronic filing (e-mail or fax), but drop box available at the front of the court building.

Service of process: Preference for mail service (U.S. Postal Service certified mail), but police service available for criminal and domestic violence cases.

Hearing call in procedures: The court clerk will inform parties of specific call-in procedures. Payments: Mailed payments by money order made to "Navajo Nation" will be accepted by the Court.

Crownpoint Court contact: Telephone: (505) 786-2072, if no answer call (928) 551-0942

Email: nncpcourt@navajo-nsn.gov

Pueblo Pintado Court: Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court facility closed March 17, 2020. However, services will continue through the Crownpoint District Court.

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The Judicial Branch appreciates the patience of the public as the Crownpoint District Court resumes essential operations.

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