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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Subject: Custer County Department of Public Health will open Courts at 8:00am on March 23, 2020 for limited business as outlined in the Chief Justice Directive from March 16, 2020.

The Custer County Department of Public Health issued a public health order to close the courthouse building due to a probable COVID-19 case. This went into effect 4:00pm on March 17, 2020. Per the 25-1.5-101(1)a and 25-1-506(3)(b)(VII), C.R.S., respectively, state and local public health have the authority to close theaters, schools, and other public places, and to forbid gatherings of people when necessary to protect the public health.

Starting March 23, 2020, the Courts, and only the courts, will be open from 8:00am to 1:00pm for **limited business** as outlined in the Chief Justice Directive from March 16, 2020. The public will enter through the west double doors that lead directly to the courtroom. Only members of the public, as long as they show no signs or symptoms of COVID-19, who have court business may enter the building.

As a reminder, the Custer County offices in the courthouse are to remain closed to the public until 8:00am on April 1, 2020.