



*Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation*

MEMORANDUM

**TO :** ALL KAYENTA JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT USERS

**FROM :** Lavonne Yazzie, Court Administrator  
Letitia Stover, Judge

**DATE :** April 5, 2020

**RE :** NOTICE OF LIMITED SERVICES

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Kayenta Judicial District Court (“Court”) Staff will be taking precautionary measures. The Court will continue to operate on a limited basis.

In-person filings and services will NOT be available from March 25-May 1, 2020. In accordance with the Chief Justice of Navajo Nation’s Administrative Order 14-2020, the Court will temporarily allow parties to file Court documents by fax or email. This practice will remain in effect until further notice from this Court.

The Court will only provide limited services as follows:

- The Navajo courts will continue to hear cases and will prioritize cases which affect these enumerated and recognized rights, including:
  - (1) All criminal proceedings concerning an incarcerated defendant (i.e., arraignment, bail hearings, revocation hearings, etc.)
  - (2) All proceedings concerning detained juveniles, abused or neglected minors (i.e., shelter care hearings);
  - (3) Habeas corpus actions;
  - (4) Involuntary commitment hearings (i.e., mental health commitments, guardianships, and other civil commitments);
  - (5) Extraditions and federal detainees;
  - (6) Order to Show Cause proceedings;
  - (7) Applications for orders of protection and matters of enforcement; and
  - (8) Applications for injunctive relief. The courts will also hold proceedings that are essential to the public health state of emergency.
- If you need a Petition for Domestic Abuse Protection Order during normal Court hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. (DST), please call 928-697-5541 or email the Court at [nkycourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nkycourt@navajo-nsn.gov). If you need an Emergency Protection Order after normal Court hours, please contact the Kayenta Police Department.
- If you have a scheduled hearing, please call 928-697-5541 for additional instructions.
- You may submit Court documents by mail, email to [nkycourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nkycourt@navajo-nsn.gov), or by fax to 928-697-5546.
- If you have legal counsel, please communicate with them.
- All fine and fee payments will be accepted by money order made payable to the “Navajo Nation.” Attach a copy of your citation/document to your payment and mail to Kayenta Judicial District, Post Office Box 2700, Kayenta, AZ 86033
- For all other questions, please call 928-697-5541 or email [nkycourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nkycourt@navajo-nsn.gov).
- For emergencies, please contact the Kayenta Police Department at 928-697-5600.

Your understanding is greatly appreciated.