



**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO
DENVER COUNTY**

**JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)
REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS) 2022-04
UNDER COVID-19)
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After conferring with local public health officials on August 1, 2021 the Courts of the 2nd Judicial District entered an order mandating face coverings in all court facilities and proceedings, in response to the overwhelming numbers of rising infections and due to the highly contagious nature of the COVID variants. Since that time, we have continued to monitor the prevailing COVID indicators in Colorado and Denver. Currently, key COVID indicators reflect a significant decrease in the primary disease indicators in our community. Further, after conferring with DDPHE earlier this week, they are projecting that the decrease we are seeing reflects a true reduction in COVID cases in our community and they remain confident that this trend will continue in the coming days.

Over the course of this pandemic, we have continued to monitor the community’s progress in managing the ongoing presence of COVID in Denver. As of today, the following numbers are being reported:

In Colorado:

- 4.41 million people immunized with one vaccine dose
- 3.96 million people fully immunized (68.2% of CO population)
- 1.96 million people boosted
- 4.71% positivity rate (7-day average)
- 463 people currently hospitalized with confirmed or suspected COVID

In Denver:

- 585,695 residents immunized with one vaccine dose
- 531,204 residents fully immunized (78.6% of population)
- 276,343 residents boosted
- 3.5% positivity rate (7-day average)
- One-week cumulative incidence rate per 100,000 population: 81

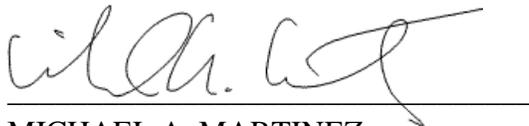
On further review, the current data points demonstrate a remarkable reversal in the impact of the COVID variants in our community. Colorado's 7-day average positivity rate is 4.71% compared to 26.39% just one month ago. Likewise, Denver's 7-day average positivity rate sits at 3.5% down from 22.9% on January 21, 2022. Clearly, these numbers represent a significant decline in our indicators, and they continue to trend downward. While COVID remains a constant presence in our community, these current figures confirm what our public health partners have advised, COVID no longer represents an unreasonable risk to those persons accessing the Courts of the 2nd Judicial District. Members of the public, our staff, stakeholders, and Judges are now safe to come to the courts without necessity for face coverings and social distancing.

Pursuant to the authority granted in Chief Justice Directive 95-01 and Chief Justice Order dated July 24, 2020, and upon conferral with the Presiding Judges of Denver County, Juvenile and Probate Courts, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

The Courts of the 2nd Judicial District (District Court, Probate Court, Juvenile Court, and County Court) hereby rescind the Third Amended Joint Administrative Order (2021-02) entered August 1, 2021, which mandated face coverings in all court facilities and proceedings. Effective March 4, 2022 at 11:59 p.m., face coverings are no longer mandated and will be optional for anyone desiring to wear one. This order is subject to review and revision in accordance with prevailing public health guidelines from the CDPHE and DDPHE.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2022.

BY THE COURT:



MICHAEL A. MARTINEZ
Chief Judge, Second Judicial District



NICOLE RODARTE
Presiding Judge, Denver County Court



ELIZABETH D. LEITH
Presiding Judge, Denver Probate Court



D. BRETT WOODS
Presiding Judge, Denver Juvenile Court