



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

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**THIRD AMENDED JOINT** )  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER** ) **2021-02**  
**REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS** )  
**UNDER COVID-19** )  
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**On July 8, 2021** Governor Polis rescinded emergency Executive Orders related to the public health crisis and issued Executive Order D 2021 122 *Colorado COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Order*.

**On July 27, 2021** the Center for Disease Control issued new guidance based on increasing concern related to potential spread and impact of the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant. This guidance recommends that both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals wear face coverings in public indoor settings in areas identified as having “substantial” or “high” community transmission.

COVID-19 hospitalizations remain low and intensive care unit capacities are currently stable; however the City and County of Denver has been identified as an area of “substantial” community transmission based on current data for the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Throughout the pandemic, Denver Courts have worked closely with our public health partners to ensure that critical operations and proceedings are conducted safely and in compliance with local and federal public health orders; incorporating precautionary measures and operational modifications as necessary to protect the health and safety of both the public and Court staff. Pursuant to current public health directives, and in reliance on the July 8, 2021 Executive Order, Denver Courts are no longer requiring social distancing or capacity limitations and have returned to standard operations.

Denver District, County, Probate and Juvenile Court have a high volume of clients and jurors that rely upon access to our facilities. With the evolving situation surrounding the Delta variant and rapidly changing public health guidance, the Courts will incorporate federal CDC face covering guidance. This will provide additional safety precautions for all persons doing business in court facilities until additional data and information is obtained.

This Order, effective August 2, 2021, will apply to court areas as follows:

**All persons including those attending court proceedings, conducting court business, or entering probation offices must wear facial coverings in court areas until further notice.** “Face Covering” as used in this Order means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face. A Face Covering may be factory-made or may be handmade and improvised from ordinary household materials. Face Coverings must cover the nose and mouth at all times and should remain in place until taken off safely.

Regarding exemptions, the courts will incorporate prior public health requirements and include the following:

- a. Individuals that cannot medically tolerate a face covering
- b. Individuals who are testifying as witnesses in court proceedings, so long as such individuals wear a face covering at all other times during the proceeding
- c. Individuals who are interpreting for participants in court proceedings, where the ability to see the mouth and hear the translation is essential to communication, so long as such language interpreters wear a face covering when not providing interpretation services

The Courts will continue to closely monitor new information regarding the Delta variant and COVID-19 trends and make appropriate adjustments to this Order as circumstances dictate.

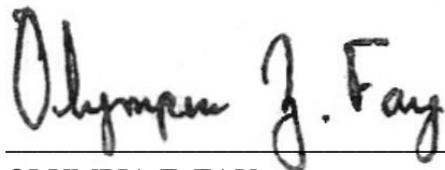
Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2021.

BY THE COURT:



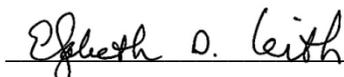
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MICHAEL A. MARTINEZ  
Chief Judge, Second Judicial District



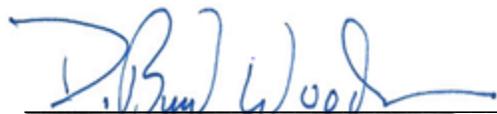
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OLYMPIA Z. FAY  
Acting Presiding Judge, Denver County  
Court



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ELIZABETH D. LEITH  
Presiding Judge, Denver Probate Court



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D. BRETT WOODS  
Presiding Judge, Denver Juvenile Court