

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ARCHULETA, LA PLATA, AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES

THIRD AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-9

ORDER REGARDING THE PROCEDURES TO BE USED FOR JURY TRIALS IN THE
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial District by the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court in his Updated Order Regarding COVID-19 and the Operation of Colorado State Courts dated July 24, 2020, and considering all applicable executive and public health orders, the Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial District has determined that the Sixth Judicial District can safely hold a limited number of jury trials during the COVID-19 Pandemic by following the restrictions and procedures contained in this order. This order has been promulgated after consultation with the San Juan Basin Health Department, the District Attorney's Office of the Sixth Judicial District, and the Durango Regional Office of the Colorado State Public Defender. This order is subject to modification depending upon the level of COVID-19 contagion within the Sixth Judicial District and surrounding areas and will also be modified to comply with future executive and public health orders.

For so long as the COVID-19 Pandemic endangers the health of persons located within the Sixth Judicial District, the following procedures shall be used for jury trials:

Prior to entering the courthouse, courthouse security shall take the temperature of all prospective jurors with a touchless thermometer and ask the jurors the COVID-19 screening questions as required by Administrative Order 2020-3. Any juror who is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or who has a temperature of 100.4 degrees F or higher will not be allowed to enter the courthouse unless they inform security that they have a disability causing their temperature to be elevated. Courthouse security will ensure that potential jurors coming through security maintain appropriate social distancing.

Upon passing through courthouse security, the venire will be met by court staff and asked if any of the following apply to them:

JUROR HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Pursuant to Public Health Order 20-28, the Sixth Judicial District has implemented a COVID-19 symptoms check list. To serve as a juror, you CANNOT be currently experiencing:

1. Body temperature of 100.4 degrees F or higher, or any sense of having a fever;
2. New muscle aches/fatigue that cannot be attributed to a specific activity like physical exercise;