

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
(La Plata, San Juan, and Archuleta Counties)

Administrative Order No. 2021-5

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RESUMING JURY TRIALS DURING THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC

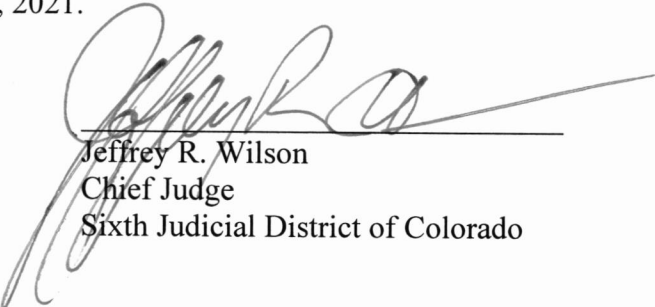
In Colorado and nationwide, the number of new COVID-19 infections, although still at high levels, is decreasing. This decrease, combined with the increasing number of citizens in the Sixth Judicial District who have been or are about to be vaccinated against COVID-19, has created a situation where the careful resumption of jury trials in the Sixth Judicial District will be unlikely to adversely affect the health of jurors, litigants, and staff of the Sixth Judicial District.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court in his Updated Order Regarding COVID-19 and Operations of Colorado State Courts dated July 24, 2020, the undersigned Chief Judge has determined that effective April 15, 2021, and continuing until further administrative order, jury trials will resume in the County Courts of La Plata and San Juan Counties. Effective April 26, 2021, jury trials will resume in the District Courts of La Plata and San Juan Counties. Because of the lack of a courthouse in Archuleta County and current social distancing requirements, jury trials will not resume in Archuleta County until further administrative order.

Until further administrative order, the procedures for conducting jury trials as ordered in the Third Amended Administrative Order 2020-9 will remain in effect.

This Order may be modified as conditions warrant.

SO ORDERED this 17th day of March, 2021.



Jeffrey R. Wilson
Chief Judge
Sixth Judicial District of Colorado