

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-19

SECOND UPDATED ORDER REGARDING FACIAL COVERINGS IN THE SIXTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In response to the emergency of the Delta variant of COVID-19, along with the increasing rate of new COVID-19 infections in the Sixth Judicial District and updated Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) recommendations to limit the spread of COVID-19, the undersigned Chief Judge issues the following orders modifying Administrative Order 2021-11 regarding facial covering requirements in the Sixth Judicial District.

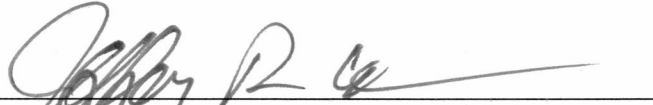
The Chief Judge shall monitor San Juan Basin Health's (SJBH) report of the rate of new COVID-19 cases, as well as the positivity rate of COVID-19 test results, in both Archuleta and La Plata Counties and monitor the Center for Disease Control's daily report of the Level of Community Transmission in San Juan County. On a weekly basis, the Chief Judge shall make a determination as to whether to require complying facial coverings be worn by the public, judicial officers, and staff of the Sixth Judicial District while in the courtrooms and other areas of the Sixth Judicial District that are accessible to the public.

Effective, Monday, August 9, 2021, all persons entering into and remaining within any public areas of the La Plata County Courthouse, the Archuleta Combined Court Clerk's Office and, upon opening, the Archuleta County Combined Courthouse, and the clerk's office or courtrooms in the San Juan County Courthouse shall wear a complying facial covering unless exempt from doing so pursuant to Administrative Order 2020-7. Courtrooms containing only employees and no other persons shall be considered to be a private area of the courthouse. The courtrooms shall remain open to the public and, should any person who is not employed by the Sixth Judicial District enter any courtroom, employees of the Sixth Judicial District shall be required to immediately put on a complying facial covering and wear the facial covering until such time as the only persons in the courtroom are employees of the Sixth Judicial District.

During court proceedings, subject to the discretion of the presiding judicial officer, anyone speaking on the record may remove their mask while speaking. In criminal cases, the defendant shall have the option to either wear a mask, wear a face shield, or not wear a mask for all trial proceedings.

Fully vaccinated employees need not wear facial coverings in private areas of the courthouses, clerk, and probation offices of the Sixth Judicial District so long as no members of the public are present in those areas. Employees who are not fully vaccinated shall be required to wear complying facial coverings in private areas of the courthouses, clerk, and probation offices but may remove it in their individual offices or workspaces so long as no other persons are in those areas.

APPROVED AND SIGNED this 12th day of August, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey R. Wilson

Chief Judge

Sixth Judicial District of Colorado