

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-20

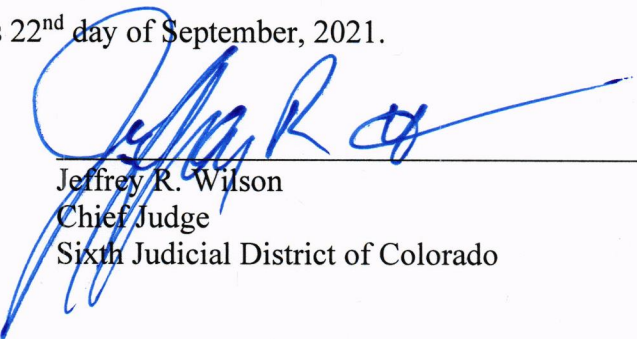
ORDER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-12 IN THE
LA PLATA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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 May 6, 2021, and considering all applicable executive and public health orders, the Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial District has determined that due to the current rate of new COVID-19 infections in La Plata County, it is currently not safe to allow the numbers of citizens into the hallways and courtrooms of the La Plata County Courthouse necessary to conduct jury trials. As of September 21, 2021, the rate of new COVID-19 infections detected in La Plata County was 307.4 new infections per seven-day period per 100,000 persons. See [SJBPH Data Dashboard - San Juan Basin Public Health \(sjbpublichealth.org\)](https://sjbpublichealth.org). This rate is more than three times the rate that qualifies as a high transmission rate as defined by the CDC and San Juan Basin Health. See [CDC Transmission Levels - San Juan Basin Public Health \(sjbpublichealth.org\)](https://sjbpublichealth.org).

In order to protect the health of the public at large, jurors, litigants, and staff of the Sixth Judicial District, it is ordered that no jury trials shall be conducted in the La Plata County Courthouse. This order is being issued pursuant to the reasons and authority stated herein and the authority cited in Administrative Orders 2020-18, 2020-23, 2021-5, and 2021-7.

This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further order of the Chief Judge.

APPROVED AND SIGNED this 22nd day of September, 2021.



Jeffrey R. Wilson
Chief Judge
Sixth Judicial District of Colorado