

<p>NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, COLORADO Court Address: Garfield County Courthouse 109 Eighth St., Suite 104 Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601</p> <p>Phone Number: 970-928-3065</p> <hr/> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> COURT USE ONLY <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>The Honorable James B. Boyd</p>	<p>Administrative Order 22-03</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AMENDED JUDICIAL OPERATIONS DURING PANDEMIC: MASKS NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT</p>	

Since the beginning of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the courts and courthouses in the 9th Judicial District (“the District”) have remained steadfast in our commitment and responsibility to protect constitutional rights and to provide a forum to address matters essential to the safety and well-being of all. In pursuit of this objective, the District has adopted health-safety protocols for all operations as most recently set forth in Administrative Order 21-05.

The operational plan confirmed it was subject to revision upon changed circumstances. The District has monitored changing health regulations and guidance, evolving health conditions, and operations around the State of Colorado. Consultation has been ongoing.

On June 15, 2021, the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court allowed his

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statewide order about masks to expire and further ordered as follows:

I am authorizing the chief judge of each judicial district to determine facial covering and physical distancing requirements in courthouses and probation offices in the judicial district. Chief judges must make these decisions in consultation with local public health officials when possible, and after consideration of local circumstances including vaccination rates, COVID positivity rates and other metrics, courthouse layout, and staffing needs. Chief judges must prioritize safety for the public and the staff in making these decisions and must strive to ensure that individuals interacting with our court system feel safe.

CDPHE data indicates circumstances have changed since the last order regarding masks. As of today, March 10, 2022, for the first time since masks were mandated, the one-week incidence rate for all three of the 9th District's counties have moved into the CDPHE's lowest risk color category of green (35 or fewer cases per 100,000 population in a 7-day period). The CDPHE continues to report on its "Dial" a color-coded level of concern based on hospitalizations—in increasing order of concern, blue, yellow and orange. All three counties in the 9th District are now in the blue lowest level of concern.

In light of the improved circumstances, effective immediately, for operations other than jury trials, masks are no longer mandatory in the courthouses of the 9th Judicial District. Instead, persons may wear masks if they choose to do so. Though

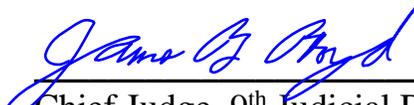
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circumstances have improved, COVID-19 remains present in our communities, and new cases continue to occur. All persons are encouraged to make informed and safe decisions to mitigate risks to themselves and to others.

This order does not modify other parts of the District's operational plan and does not modify the District's jury plan. Those plans are under review and may be changed soon. As with prior orders, this order may be updated or modified as circumstances continue to evolve. Nothing in this order limits the authority of the presiding judge in individual cases from ruling in a particular case or docket, based on facts particular to the case or the day's docket, that masks or other health-safety protocols are necessary for that case or for a particular proceeding or docket.

Done on March 10, 2022.

BY THE COURT



Chief Judge, 9th Judicial District