



**TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE 2020-20  
ORDER SUSPENDING JURY TRIALS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

On July 24, 2020, Chief Justice Coats issued Updated Order Regarding COVID-19 and Operations of State Courts removing the requirement that Chief Judges obtain a waiver from him to resume conducting jury trials after August 2, 2020, provided the Chief Judge of the district determined that a jury pool can safely be assembled consistent with applicable executive orders and health directives. In recent days, certain key indicators maintained by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment have shown that COVID-19 is persistent and is spreading in our community at an increasing rate and, effective November 7, 2020, the Current Level of Protection required by Mesa County Public Health (see attached) will move from Level Blue (Safer at Home Cautious) to Level Orange (Safer at Home High Risk).

Given the current state of COVID-19 in our community, it is my determination that there are no safety precautions that can reasonably be put in place that would allow for a jury pool to safely be assembled consistent with applicable executive orders and health directives. Therefore, I order the following:


**All** jury calls through December 31, 2020 are cancelled, and this includes grand jury service. Any juror appearing in person on a summons through December 31, 2020 shall be informed by the security team or court staff that the person's jury service has been cancelled and that person may leave the justice center. Any juror who receives a summons for a trial scheduled to begin after December 31, 2020, and who contacts the jury commissioner with health-related concerns, shall have their service postponed. Jury summonses may issue for trials scheduled after December 31, 2020, noting the Court will continue to evaluate public health information related to COVID-19 and determine whether the restrictions on jurors reporting will extend past December 31, 2020.

Circumstances have changed rapidly and may continue to do so. I will continue to monitor executive and health department orders and this order may be revised, amended, or superseded, as deemed necessary. All are encouraged to regularly check the website for the Colorado Judicial Branch ([www.courts.state.co.us](http://www.courts.state.co.us)) for the latest information, including the page that is specific to the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District.

SO ORDERED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

  
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HON. BRIAN J. FLYNN  
Chief Judge

# Current Level of Protection

	<b>LEVEL GREEN: PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS</b>	<b>LEVEL BLUE: SAFER AT HOME CAUTIOUS</b>	<b>LEVEL YELLOW: SAFER AT HOME CONCERN</b>	<b>LEVEL ORANGE: SAFER AT HOME HIGH RISK</b>	<b>LEVEL RED: STAY AT HOME</b>
<b>VARIANCES</b>	Eligible for both <u>outdoor and indoor</u> site-specific variances if approved by LPHA	Eligible for both <u>outdoor and indoor</u> site-specific variances if approved by LPHA	Eligible for <u>outdoor</u> site-specific variances if approved by LPHA	Not eligible	Not eligible
<b>PERSONAL GATHERING SIZE</b>	Per local guidance	Up to 10 from no more than 2 households	Up to 10 from no more than 2 households	Up to 10 from no more than 2 households	None
<b>P-12 SCHOOLS</b>	In-person suggested	In-person suggested or hybrid, remote as appropriate	In-person, hybrid, or remote as appropriate	Remote or hybrid suggested, limited in-person as appropriate	Remote suggested, very limited in-person when necessary
<b>HIGHER EDUCATION</b>	In-person suggested	In-person suggested or hybrid, remote as appropriate	In-person, hybrid, or remote as appropriate and other strategies to increase social distancing	Remote or hybrid suggested, limited in-person as appropriate and other major strategies to increase social distancing	Remote and significant social distancing strategies
<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP AND LIFE RITES - INDOOR UNSEATED FUNCTIONS</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50% capacity or 175 indoors	50% capacity or 50 no calculator, (or up to 100 with calculator)	25% capacity or 50 (with calculator)	Remote, virtual service, or outdoor are strongly encouraged; indoors up to 10
<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP AND LIFE RITES - INDOOR SEATED FUNCTIONS</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50%, 175 person capacity	50%, 100 person capacity	25%, 50 person capacity	Remote, virtual service, or outdoor are strongly encouraged; indoors up to 10
<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP AND LIFE RITES - OUTDOORS</b>	6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning	6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning	6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning	6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning	6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning
<b>RESTAURANTS - INDOORS</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50% capacity or 175 indoors	50% capacity or 50 (or up to 100 with calculator)	25% capacity, 50 people	Take out or delivery
<b>RESTAURANTS - OUTDOORS</b>	6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning	6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning	6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning	6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning	6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning
<b>NON-CRITICAL MANUFACTURING</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50% capacity or 175 people	50% capacity or 50 (or up to 100 with calculator)	25% capacity or 50 people	Closed
<b>OFFICES</b>	50%* capacity	50% capacity	50% capacity	25% capacity	Closed
<b>BARS</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>GYMS/FITNESS</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	25% capacity or 75 people	25% capacity or 50 people	25% capacity, 25 indoors, or outdoors in groups less than 10	Virtual, or outdoors in groups less than 10
<b>GROUP SPORTS AND CAMPS</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50 person capacity per activity	25 person capacity per activity	Virtual, or outdoors in groups less than 10	Virtual, or outdoors in groups less than 10
<b>RETAIL</b>	50%* capacity	50% capacity	50% capacity	25% capacity	Curbside, pick up, and delivery
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50% capacity or 50 people	50% capacity or 50 people	25% capacity or 25 people	Closed
<b>LIMITED HEALTH CARE SETTINGS</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50% capacity or 50 people	50% capacity or 50 people	25% capacity or 25 people	Closed
<b>EVENTS - INDOOR UNSEATED</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50% or 175 person capacity	50%, 50 no calculator, (or up to 100 with calculator)	25%, 50 person capacity (with calculator)	Closed
<b>EVENTS - INDOOR SEATED</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50% or 175 person capacity	50%, 100 person capacity (6ft distancing between parties)	25%, 50 person capacity (6ft distancing between parties)	Closed
<b>EVENTS - OUTDOOR UNSEATED</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50% or 250 person capacity	50%, 175 person capacity (with calculator)	25%, 75 person capacity (with calculator)	Closed
<b>EVENTS - OUTDOOR SEATED</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50% or 250 person capacity	50%, 175 person capacity (6ft distancing between parties)	25%, 75 person capacity (6ft distancing between parties)	Closed
<b>OUTDOOR GUIDED SERVICES</b>	50%* capacity or 500 people	50% capacity or 25 people	50% capacity or 10 people	25% capacity or 10 people	Closed

\*Counties that enter Protect Our Neighbors are eligible to increase the percentage caps by 5% every month they continually sustain those metrics.