



**TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE 2021-09 (SUPERSEDES 2020-21)  
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER COVID-19 ADVISORY**

On May 5, 2020, Chief Justice Coats (Ret.) issued an [updated order](#) regarding the operation of the state courts. The [updated order](#) requires the state courts to continue to operate on an emergency basis and safely conduct all legal business.

Pursuant to the authority granted in Chief Justice Directive 95-01, effective immediately, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

**Persons Who May Not Enter the Justice Center:** Consistent with the most current recommendations of the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), persons who meet the following criteria are prohibited from entering the Mesa County Justice Center (MCJC): People who have been in [close contact](#) with someone who has COVID-19—excluding people who have had COVID-19 within the past 3 months or who are fully vaccinated and show no symptoms.

**Operations:** The number of employees who are physically present and working at the MCJC will be coordinated by the Court Executive, Chief Probation Officer, and Clerk of Court, with the approval of the Chief Judge.

**Mandatory Limitations on In-Person Matters:**

- a. As required by the [updated order](#), wherever reasonably feasible, judicial proceedings, regardless of their nature, should continue to be conducted remotely.
- b. While the [updated order](#) is in effect, wherever reasonably feasible, judicial officers should accommodate telephone and/or video appearances for all participants.
- c. While the [updated order](#) is in effect, judicial officers, wherever reasonably feasible, shall accept and review warrant requests electronically.

This order may be revised as deemed necessary. All are encouraged to regularly check the [website](#) for the Colorado Judicial Branch for the latest information, including the [webpage](#) that is specific to the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District.

SO ORDERED this 22nd day of April 2021.

  
Brian J. Flynn, Chief Judge