

<p>TWENTY SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT in and for DOLORES AND MONTEZUMA COUNTIES</p> <p>STATE OF COLORADO</p>	
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-04 ORDER AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 22-02 AND VACATING ALL RESTRICTIONS ORDERED DUE TO COVID-19 CRISIS¹</p>	

The undersigned, as Chief Judge of the 22nd Judicial District previously entered a series of Administrative Orders in an attempt to protect the public and court staff and to provide for operation of the Courts during the current Covid-19 public health crisis. These orders include Administrative orders 2020-02, 2020-03, 2020-03 (02), 2020-04, 2020-06, 2020-07, 2020-08, 2021-01, 2021-04, 2021-06, 2021-07, 2021-02, 2021-09, 2021-10, 2021-12, 2021-13, 2021-14, 2021-17, and 2022-01. Those orders were rescinded by Administrative Order 22-02. As Covid numbers continue to decline, the undersigned has decided that it is time to end all Covid specific restrictions and requirements. Administrative Order 22-02, is now vacated in its entirety.

All of the Courts of the 22nd Judicial District are now able to conduct any and all proceedings in person. There will no longer be jurors automatically excused because of their concerns concerning Covid, unless they have specific medical reasons that properly release them from jury duty. The Clerks will not meet all potential jurors before they enter the Court facilities

¹ This order corrects an administrative order issued on April 3, 2022 which was incorrectly assigned a number of 22-03. This order also corrects certain typographical errors.

of the 22nd Judicial District and ask health screening questions and court security will not screen for health issues.

Of course, the Court expects that all persons will practice safe hygiene and not attempt to enter the court facilities if they are obviously ill. Any person who is ill (beyond a common cold) should contact their attorney or the clerk's office to determine the court will excuse their appearance or if there are further steps needed if a hearing or proceeding is to be rescheduled.

Each judge may allow virtual appearances as they deem appropriate in their individual courtrooms.

Any person who wishes to wear a face covering, for any health reason may continue to do so.

Law Enforcement will continue to obtain warrants by use of the 22 On-call Judge procedure outlined in prior orders.

The Court will continue to monitor the situation and enter future orders as are necessary.

This order is effective April 3, 2022.

APPROVED AND SIGNED this 4th day of April, 2022.



Douglas S. Walker
Chief Judge

