

TWENTY SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT in and for DOLORES AND MONTEZUMA COUNTIES STATE OF COLORADO	
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-01 TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIOVE ORDER 2020-07	

Although Covid-19 remains a serious and deadly threat to the population of the 22nd Judicial District and beyond, fewer cases are being reported and more and more persons are able to be vaccinated. In view of the decreasing case count, the Court deems it advisable to modify Administrative Order 2020-07 with a view towards gradual resumption of in-person court appearances for litigants, defendants, victims, witnesses and attorneys. With this in mind, the undersigned orders as follows:

Effective March 1, 2021, persons who wish to come to court in person may do so subject to the restrictions previously imposed in Administrative order 2020-07. This includes litigants, defendants, victims, witnesses and attorneys in all case classes including but not exclusively, criminal, traffic, civil, dependent and neglected child cases and domestic relations cases.

It is expected that judges will continue to handle cases primarily using WebEx and telephone appearances, even if some of the persons involved with the case appear in person for hearings and trial.

In addition, probation may phase in meetings with clients that occur in person and the probation office as the Chief Probation officer believes is best.

All provisions of Administrative Order 2020-07 concerning the wearing of face coverings, health checks upon entry to the court facilities, courtroom procedures and social distancing remain in effect. No more than 10 persons will be allowed in any courtroom at any given time, including judges, judicial staff and security.

The Montezuma County Combined Courthouse will be open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all days other than weekends and holidays. The Court Clerk's office in Montezuma County will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Probation offices in the Montezuma County Combined Courts building will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Clerk's office in Dolores County will be open from 8:30a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday and Tuesdays, and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. on Fridays.

APPROVED AND SIGNED this 23rd day of February 2021.



Douglas S. Walker
Chief Judge, 22nd Judicial District