

<p>TWENTY SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT in and for DOLORES AND MONTEZUMA COUNTIES</p> <p>STATE OF COLORADO</p>	
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-06 MODIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS CONCERNING COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONCERNING COURTROOM CAPACITY AND OTHER PROCEDURES</p>	

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 if they wish. Further, guidance from the Centers for Disease Control indicate that some changes may safely be made. In view of these facts, the Court deems it advisable to modify Administrative Order 2020-07 and Administrative Order 2021-04. The undersigned orders as follows:

In most cases, courtroom capacity was previously capped at 10 persons. Effective April 13, 2021, the number of persons allowed in each courtroom will be 50% of the courtroom capacity as listed on a plaque at the rear of each court room. This number includes all participants including judicial officers, judicial assistants, court security, attorneys, litigants, jurors and members of the public. Persons in the Courtroom are to remain socially distanced as much as possible and all persons shall attempt to remain at least 6 feet away from any other person who does not live in the same household. In the event that 50% of the posted capacity results in a fraction, the capacity will be rounded down to the next whole number. Each individual judge remains obligated to enforce this rule and if there is a need to remove persons because of too great of numbers, the persons

removed will be those who are not directly involved in a particular case such as litigants, witnesses and attorneys waiting for their case to be called and the general public.

Prior orders required the judicial staff to wipe down and sanitize witness stands and other places in the courtroom. In view of CDC guidance that indicates that area only need to be cleaned once a day, the requirement that the witness stand be cleaned after each witness testifies is repealed.

All other provisions of Administrative Order 2020-07 and Administrative Order 2021-04 remain in effect including the requirement of face coverings for all persons, health checks for all persons entering the building and the maintenance of social distancing for all persons in the Court facilities of the 22nd Judicial District including all of the Combined Court Building for Montezuma County.

APPROVED AND SIGNED this 13th day of April, 2021.



Douglas S. Walker
Chief Judge, 22nd Judicial District