



**FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO  
CLEAR CREEK COUNTY, EAGLE COUNTY, LAKE COUNTY,  
AND SUMMIT COUNTY**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER )  
REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS ) 2021-1001  
UNDER COVID-19 - FACE COVERINGS )  
AND DISTANCING )  
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On May 17, 2021, Chief Justice Brian Boatright issued his Order Regarding Safety in Colorado Courthouses (hereinafter the “Safety Order”), which required individuals to wear face coverings in public areas of courthouses and probation offices through June 18, 2021. The Safety Order also allowed the chief judge of each judicial district to determine facial covering requirements in non-public areas and physical distancing requirements in public and non-public areas of courthouses and probation offices.

The Chief Justice’s Safety Order, incorporating face covering requirements for public Court and Probation spaces, will not be extended and expired June 18, 2021. The Chief Justice issued his Updated Order Regarding Safety in Colorado Courthouses. Beginning on June 19, 2021, the chief judge of each judicial district is authorized to determine facial covering and physical distancing requirements in courthouses and probation offices in their judicial district. Chief judges must make these decisions in consultation with local public health officials when possible, and after consideration of local circumstances including vaccination rates, COVID positivity rates and other metrics, courthouse layout, and staffing needs. Chief judges must prioritize safety for the public and the staff in making these decisions and must strive to ensure that individuals interacting with our court system feel safe.

As of this date the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District COVID-19 trends continue to show vast improvement, including infection rates and hospitalization. Additionally, and as reflected in Colorado’s statewide data base, counties in the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District are continuing to show progress on vaccination against COVID-19:

Clear Creek: 55.9% fully vaccinated or at least 1 dose  
Eagle: 78.6% fully vaccinated or at least 1 dose  
Lake: 62.4% fully vaccinated or at least 1 dose  
Summit County: 82.5% fully vaccinated or at least 1 dose

Following consultation with local public health officials, and based on the information cited above confirming the improvement in metrics and local vaccine availability and inoculation rates, the Courts and Probation facilities of the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District will move to the following:

**Face Coverings:** In alignment with local public health orders and city building requirements, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and Probation facilities will move to **optional face coverings in all spaces effective June 23, 2021.**

Pursuant to Executive Order D 2021 103; **any individual who is not fully vaccinated is still encouraged to wear a medical or non-medical cloth face covering** that covers the nose and mouth when entering or within an indoor space where members of different households are present.

Individuals may continue to voluntarily wear medical or non-medical cloth face coverings when entering or within Court or Probation facilities.

Individuals exhibiting signs of illness or symptoms related to COVID-19 should not report and instead contact the Courts or Probation for additional instruction.

The detention facilities (including where persons in-custody are present in the courthouse facilities and/or courtrooms) in each county are exempt from this order; with deference to their internal organization protocols regarding face coverings in detention facilities.

**Physical Distancing:** Counties in the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District no longer have social distancing requirements for most facilities and settings, including buildings housing court operations. Therefore, the courts of the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, upon consideration of the guidance from the Clear Creek, Eagle and Summit County departments of health, will remove the presumed criteria for physical distancing in court facilities or operations locations. This transition will commence on **July 21, 2021.** Further, the courts may end the practice of staggered jury calls or increase the number of jurors summoned for jury duty on a given date to reflect resulting capacity changes effective **July 21, 2021.**

**Screening Tool for Employees.** Effective June 23, 2021, employees of the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District will not longer be required to utilize the daily web-based

COVID 19 screening tool. Employees that are experiencing COVID 19 or related symptoms should not report and contact their supervisor.

All other provisions of Chief Judge Administrative Order 2020-102A-9 shall remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021.

BY THE COURT:



Mark D. Thompson  
Chief District Court Judge

