

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

IN THE MATTER OF:  
SUPERSEDING ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDER 20-MC-00004-27

20-MC-00004-39

**SUPERSEDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the Court continues to evaluate its response to the spread of COVID-19 and in order to provide additional information to litigants and prospective jurors, this order supersedes Administrative Order 20-MC-00004-27. The justification for this Superseding Administrative Order is the same as for Administrative Order 20-MC-00004-17.

**WHEREAS** the Court recognizes that the steadily rising number of COVID-19 cases in the State of New Mexico and surrounding areas has the potential to adversely affect those who enter any of the federal courthouses within the District of New Mexico.

**WHEREAS** the recent State of New Mexico Public Health Emergency Order dated November 13, 2020, authorized and approved by the Governor of New Mexico implementing travel restrictions and closing restaurants except for take out orders, creates logistical challenges for potential jurors who live more than 100 miles from Albuquerque or Las Cruces from being able to report for jury duty.

**WHEREAS** the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico has suspended all civil and criminal jury trials in the State Courts in New Mexico for the remainder of 2020 and the United States Districts Courts for the Districts of Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Kansas and West Texas have or will soon likewise suspend all civil and criminal jury trials for the remainder of 2020.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that effective immediately all civil and criminal jury trials scheduled before any district or magistrate judge in any courthouse in the District of New Mexico are SUSPENDED until January 4, 2021.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that effective immediately, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and the New Mexico Department of Health Public Health Emergency Order of November 13, 2020, all persons entering courthouse facilities (as identified by Administrative Order 20-MC-00004-17) are required to wear a face mask.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that public and media access to court hearings will continue to be live-streamed as outlined in the COVID-19 Temporary Administrative Procedures Manual.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Superseding Administrative Order suspending all civil and criminal jury trials until January 4, 2021 shall not impact other case management deadlines or orders in civil or criminal cases pending in this District.

**DONE** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William P. Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM P. JOHNSON  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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