

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

IN THE MATTER OF:
SUPERSEDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC RELATED
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS, MEMOS, AND EMAILS

21-MC-00004-17

SUPERSEDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the Court continues to evaluate its response to the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and in order to provide authoritative information to litigants and prospective jurors, this order supersedes all COVID-19 Pandemic related Administrative Orders, Memos, and Emails, with the exception of the CARES Act Orders, Administrative Order 21-MC-04-12 and Administrative Order 21-MC-04-13;

WHEREAS, President of the United States has declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Mexico has declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) issued [new guidelines regarding COVID-19 Safe Practices](#) for fully vaccinated individuals and on May 14, 2021, the New Mexico Department of Health (“NMDOH”) entered a [clarifying Public Health Emergency order](#) in response to the updated CDC guidance;

WHEREAS, gathering of people poses a threat to public health and safety, there are difficulties, due to various public health directives and general health concerns, in maintaining appropriate distance from other people during both jury trials and bench trials;

WHEREAS, this Court continues to evaluate its response to the spread of COVID-19 and recognizes the need to assist in the preservation of public safety and health while effectively administering justice during this period of national emergency, it is hereby

ORDERED that effective immediately, in accordance with the CDC guidelines and the NMDOH Emergency Order of May 14, 2021, all persons entering courthouse facilities who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a face mask and socially distance from other individuals in court facilities.

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](#).

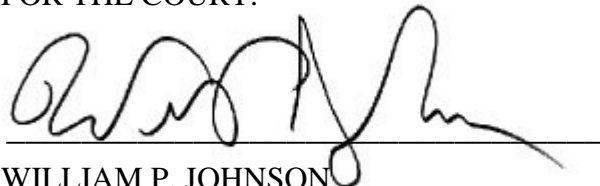
IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED that drop boxes will remain available at the discretion of the Clerk of the affected court for individuals who wish to drop off pleadings and payments contact-free.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in order to ensure the safety and security of the jurors in the current and ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Clerk, after consulting guidance from the CDC and the NMDOH, may determine that health risks dictate that lunches should be furnished. Once this determination is made, the jury is considered partially sequestered by operation of this order and lunches will be paid for through the juror fee appropriation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that fit facilities in the district's court facilities are open at a 50% capacity limit to those who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Gym users must be scheduled to work at the court facility rather than traveling to the courthouse to use the gym.

DONE this 18th day of May 2021.

FOR THE COURT:

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

WILLIAM P. JOHNSON
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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