

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

IN THE MATTER OF:
SUPERSEDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
21-MC-00004-44

22-MC-00004-15

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 Administrative Order 21-MC-00004-44;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), on February 25, 2022, issued [updated guidance](#) regarding indoor mask recommendations. The new guidelines for assessing community risk weigh hospitalizations for COVID-19 and the proportion of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients in local hospitals more heavily than rates of new infections alone. The new guidelines result in an immediate reduction in indoor mask-wearing recommendations within the district.

WHEREAS, the Governor of New Mexico, on February 17, 2022, lifted the indoor mask mandate for the State of New Mexico by entry of the New Mexico Department of Health (“DOH”) [Public Health Emergency Order](#).

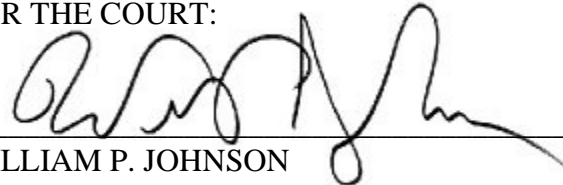
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective immediately, the requirement of all persons entering courthouse facilities is rescinded. Mask wearing requirements in courtrooms, conference rooms and chambers will be established by the presiding judge. Mask wearing requirements within the tenant space in courthouse facilities will be established by the respective department head.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, while the CARES Act enabling orders of this court are in effect, public and media access to court hearings will continue to be live-streamed, at the discretion of the presiding judge, according to procedures located on the [court's website](#).

This administrative order will remain in effect until the Judicial Conference terminates its emergency declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic or further order of the court.

DONE this 1st day of March, 2022.

FOR THE COURT:

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

WILLIAM P. JOHNSON
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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