IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF: C-19 PROTOCOLS SUPERSEDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 22-MC-00004-15

22-MC-00004-30

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 22-MC-00004-15;

WHEREAS, in light of the recent quarantine lockdown of the Otero County Detention facility due to an outbreak of COVID-19 cases and in order to reduce the risk of COVID transmission to detainees and other individuals;

WHEREAS the effective and efficient holding of court proceeding is severely impacted by detention facility quarantine lockdowns necessitated by COVID-19 infections;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the U.S. Marsal will ensure all detainees being transported to and from detention facilities to or from courthouses in the District of New Mexico shall wear a mask during transport and in court proceedings. Other mask wearing requirements in courtrooms, conference rooms and chambers will continue to 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 <u>court's website</u>.

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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.

IT IS SO ORDERED, effective June 13, 2022.

FOR THE COURT: WILLIAM P. JOHNSON

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

U.S. District Court

United States District Court - District of New Mexico

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