



**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO
ADAMS AND BROOMFIELD COUNTIES**

**ADDENDUM TO NINTH AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER COVID-19 EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 23, 2020
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND ORDER**

Issued July 9th, 2021

ADDENDUM to 2020-01 A9

This Addendum amends the Orders previously issued by this Court and former Chief Judge Anderson.

The current COVID positivity rates are 3.1% in Adams County and 2.8% in in the City and County of Broomfield. As of July 8th, 2021, Governor Polis lifted the state of emergency based on the COVID pandemic. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and our local Tri-County Health Department, are no longer issuing health directives. These respective health departments have deferred pandemic policies to local authorities. Chief Justice Boatright has delegated to the chief judges of each judicial district the responsibilities and authority for COVID precautions to be taken in their courthouses based on local conditions.

Taking the local conditions into consideration (including, but not limited to, local infection rates, vaccination rates, variant data, building configurations and size) this Court finds that individuals that work and/or enter the courthouses are now in the position to take the prevention steps they feel are appropriate for themselves. Therefore, the Court orders that as of Monday, July 12th, 2021, mandatory distancing in the two courthouses is no longer required. Individuals will still have the ability to maintain the distancing they feel is appropriate for their welfare while in the Courthouses.

One week later, on Monday July 19th, 2021, mandatory masks will no longer be required in the Courthouses. All staff and courthouse visitors will still have the ability to wear masks if they choose. The Court is delaying the mask order to July 19th because of concerns involving the possible impacts of the Delta variant and the July 4th weekend. Given the impact of the Delta variant on the unvaccinated, the Court strongly recommends that people that have not received vaccinations continue to wear masks to protect themselves and people they come into contact with. **THESE ORDERS MAY BE RESCINDED IF PANDEMIC CONDITIONS CHANGE AND INFECTIONS AGAIN INCREASE.**

The 17th JD is committed to and invites all visitors to join us to:

- CONTINUE TO WEAR MASKS AFTER JULY 19TH IF YOU ARE UNVACCINATED OR HAVE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CONCERNS.
- WHEN POSSIBLE, MAINTAIN DISTANCE BETWEEN EACH OTHER WHILE INSIDE.
- WASH HANDS REGULARLY OR USE HAND SANITIZER FREQUENTLY
- REGULARLY SANITIZE HIGH TOUCH SURFACES LIKE CELL PHONES, KEYBOARDS Mouses AND HEADSETS
- STAY HOME WITH ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND ISOLATE WHEN SICK OR COVID-19 POSITIVE
- GET TESTED AT THE ONSET OF COVID-19 SYMPTOMS OR NOTIFIED OF CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE POSITIVE
- WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD RESILIENCE AND MANAGE JOB STRESS

SO ORDERED this 9th day of July, 2021.

By the COURT,



Don Quick

Chief Judge, 17th Judicial District