



ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## Chief Judge Directive 21-01

### Regarding the Wearing of Masks by Employees in Non-Public Places

By now, all judicial department employees have had access to the COVID-19 vaccine. Not all employees have been vaccinated.

According to the Centers for Disease Control as well as local and state public health agencies, fully vaccinated individuals (those who are at least 2 weeks past their last vaccination) are unlikely to contract COVID-19, are highly unlikely to have a severe case of COVID-19 if they do contract the virus and are also highly unlikely to infect others.

Because of this, it is apparent that the need for fully vaccinated employees to continue wearing masks in non-public areas of the courthouses in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District is no longer necessary.

Unvaccinated employees are more likely to contract COVID-19 and to pass it on to others, especially as more virulent variants of the virus become the predominant strains. In non-public areas of our courthouses, the main concern is that unvaccinated employees may infect other unvaccinated employees.

Therefore, effective today, vaccinated employees will no longer be required to wear masks in non-public areas of our courthouses. Unvaccinated employees must continue to wear masks in these areas if there is more than one unvaccinated employee in that location. To date, those locations are: Chaffee Courts/Probation, Fremont Courts/Probation.

Masks will still need to be worn in all instances by all employees when in contact with the public. Although vaccinated employees are highly unlikely to infect others, the public will not know if an employee is vaccinated.

If an employee who is currently unvaccinated becomes vaccinated, please inform your supervisor.

This C.J.D. will remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

Done in Salida, Colorado, April 30, 2021

*/s/ Patrick W. Murphy*

Chief Judge, 11<sup>th</sup> JD