

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-02 SUPERSEDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS 2021-13 and 2021-17

This Order supersedes and replaces the following Administrative Orders and any subsequent amendments:

Administrative Order 2021-13 Re: Mask Requirements and Administrative Order 2021-17 Re: Limited Suspension of Jury Trials in the 7th Judicial District.

Pursuant to the authority granted in Chief Justice Directive 95-01 and Updated Order Regarding COVID-19 and Operation of Colorado State Courts, issued May 6, 2021 by Chief Justice Brian D. Boatright, the following is hereby ordered effective February 24, 2022.

These changes are being made based on the continued significant decline in the reported CDC COVID-19 positivity rate in each county in the District. This Order is subject to modification should the COVID-19 rates again spike.

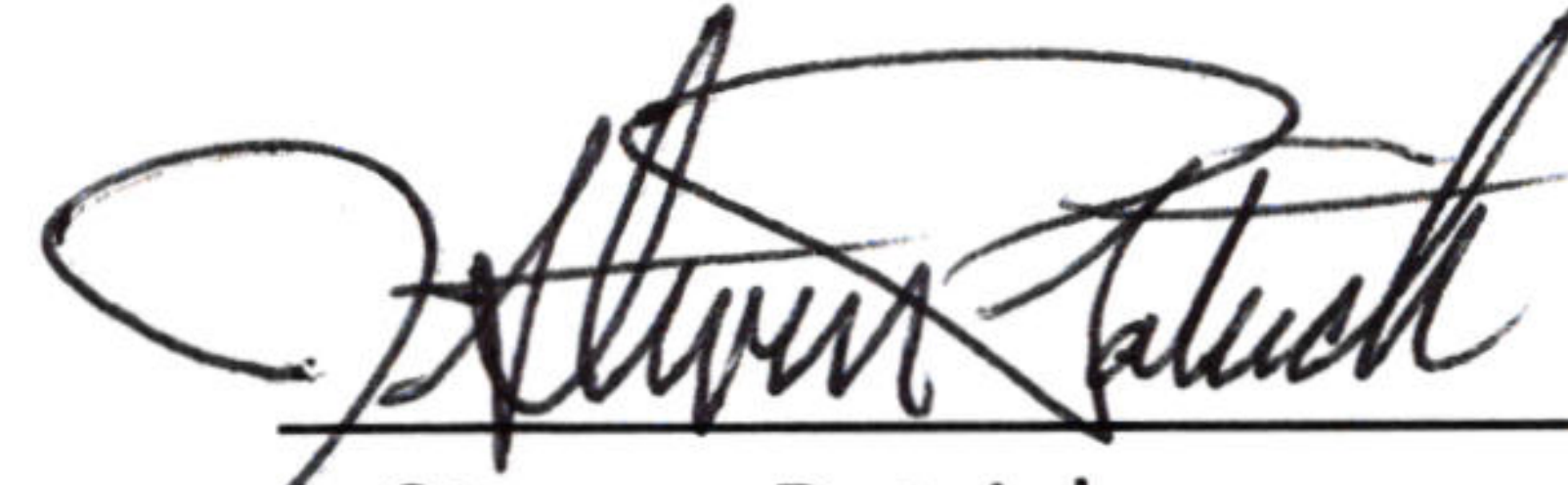
Mask Requirements: Beginning Monday, February 28, 2022, Administrative Order 2021-13 Re: Mask Requirements will no longer be in effect. At that time, face coverings will be optional in court facilities in the Seventh Judicial District. Anyone choosing to wear a mask in a Seventh Judicial District court facility may do so, subject to the discretion of the presiding judicial officer. Further, at the discretion of the presiding judicial officer, face masks may be ordered to be worn for specific proceedings or for phases of specific proceedings, such as jury selection. Those with compromised immune systems, or symptoms or recent close exposure to anyone positive for COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.

Jury Trials: Beginning Monday, February 28, 2022, Administrative Order 2021-17 Re: Limited Suspension of Jury Trials in the 7th Judicial District will no longer be in effect and jury trials may proceed in all locations in the 7th Judicial District without any restrictions. Information will no longer be posted on the Colorado Judicial Branch Website.

The Chief Judge will continue to monitor available information and recommendations from national, state and local public health organizations, and this Order may be revised as deemed necessary.

Dated this 24th day of February 2022.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Steven Patrick", written over a horizontal line.

J. Steven Patrick
Chief Judge

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7th JD Clerks of Court
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