

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

**COURT OPERATIONS
DURING THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC**

**DISTRICT COURT GENERAL ORDER
2021-3**

This order supersedes General Order 2021-2. The justification for this General Order remains the same as for General Order 2020-10.

WHEREAS, the Court continues to evaluate its response to the spread of COVID-19 and recognizes the need to assist in the preservation of public safety and health while effectively administering justice during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, key indicators from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, including the positivity rate, allow for an increase in certain court operations with appropriate safety measures in place;

WHEREAS, the Wayne Aspinall Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Grand Junction, Colorado houses a historic courtroom and other rooms that are insufficient in size and cannot be configured to meet social distancing requirements for certain types of court proceedings;

WHEREAS, the United States courtroom in Colorado Springs, Colorado is insufficient in size and cannot be configured to meet social distancing requirements for certain types of court proceedings. It is hereby

ORDERED that, effective March 1, 2021, all civil and criminal jury trials scheduled to commence before any district or magistrate judge in any courthouse in the District of Colorado are CONTINUED subject to further order of the presiding judicial officer, with the exception of certain pilot trials as authorized by the chief judge. Bench trials may take place subject to established trial protocols. It is further

ORDERED that no civil or criminal trial requiring a jury of 10 or more jurors (including alternate jurors) shall be held in the Wayne Aspinall Courthouse or the courtroom in Colorado Springs. Parties may request that the presiding judge determine whether a non-jury trial or trial to a jury of fewer than 10 may safely proceed in these locations. If so, such trials may proceed in accordance with social distancing and other appropriate measures to ensure the safety of all participants. It is further

ORDERED that the grand jury for Jury Division 3 shall not be convened until further order of the Court. It is further

ORDERED that in-person Central Violations Bureau calendars may resume across the district in a manner that allows for social distancing. It is further

ORDERED that all public and bar-related functions scheduled to take place in any courthouse facility in the District of Colorado are CANCELED.

All other terms of General Order 2020-10 remain in effect.

Dated at Denver, Colorado this 12th day of February, 2021.

BY THE COURT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip A. Brimmer', written in a cursive style.

PHILIP A. BRIMMER
Chief United States District Judge