

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

**TERMINATION OF THE
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY**

**DISTRICT COURT GENERAL ORDER
2023-5**

This order supersedes General Order 2023-1.

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2023, following House and Senate passage, the President signed into law a Joint Resolution (H.J. Res. 7), which provides that “the national emergency declared by the finding of the President on March 13, 2020, in Proclamation 9994 [(COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration)]. . . is hereby terminated.” It is hereby

ORDERED that the Court will return to its pre COVID-19 operational posture. Normal court operations will resume. The revised Jury Protocols are hereby rescinded. It is further

ORDERED that, while entrants to any courthouse or U.S. Probation Office in the District of Colorado shall not be required to wear masks, judicial officers, at their discretion, may institute rules regarding mask wearing in their courtrooms. Furthermore, any entrant who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the past 10 days must wear a mask for 10 days after the last date of that exposure. Any entrant may choose to wear a mask at any time. The U.S. Marshals and court security officers are authorized to enforce these requirements. It is further

ORDERED that the following persons shall not enter any courthouse or U.S. Probation Office of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado:

1. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency.
2. Persons who have, in the past 10 days, been diagnosed with or are currently experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, including a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or loss of sense of taste or smell. However,
 - a. Persons who have obtained a negative COVID-19 test after experiencing symptoms may enter; and
 - b. Persons may enter 5 days after a positive COVID-19 test result provided their symptoms are improving, they have been fever-free for the past 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, and they wear a mask through day 10 after a positive test result.

What to do if you are denied access to a District of Colorado courthouse or courtroom:

1. If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;
2. If you are an attorney and you are scheduled to appear in court before a judge, please contact the chambers of the presiding judge;
3. If you are scheduled to meet with a Pretrial Services Officer or a Probation Officer, please contact the U.S. Probation Office at (303) 844-5424;
4. If you are a juror or prospective juror, please contact the Jury Department at

(303) 844-3924; and

5. For other District Court matters, please contact the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court at (303) 844-3433.

Dated at Denver, Colorado this 8th day of May, 2023.

BY THE COURT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Philip A. Brimmer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

PHILIP A. BRIMMER
Chief United States District Judge