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#### Order Regarding Safety in Colorado Courthouses

With the recent shift in federal and state guidance regarding mask and social distancing requirements, and given the inconsistency in local public health guidance throughout the pandemic, I am hereby entering this order to ensure safe operations in Colorado courthouses.

Safety is paramount in state court operations. Not only do our courthouses see a large volume of in-person traffic, our necessary and critical operations compel attendance from members of the public for extended periods of time. Colorado courts should continue to err on the side of safety for assembly in both public and private areas to promote public safety and public confidence in our operations.

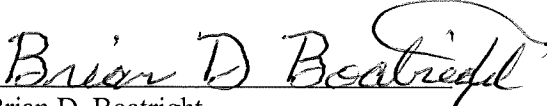
Accordingly, I hereby order that all persons continue to wear facial coverings in all public areas of courthouses and probation offices through June 18, 2021.

Mask and social distancing requirements in non-public areas of our courthouses are to be determined by the chief judges after consultation with local health officials and in consideration of local circumstances regarding COVID risk and staffing needs.

Concerning physical distancing requirements in public areas, our chief judges have discretion, in consultation with local public health officials, to decide appropriate standards for each courthouse after consideration of local circumstances, including vaccination rates, COVID positivity rates and other metrics, and courthouse layout.

I will continue to monitor our public health situation and will amend this order as appropriate.

Done at Denver, Colorado this 17th day of May, 2021.

  
Brian D. Boatright  
Chief Justice, Colorado Supreme Court