

**IN THE UTAH SUPREME COURT and UTAH JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

**Administrative Order Terminating COVID-19-Related Orders**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER August 26, 2022**

Beginning on March 13, 2020 the Chief Justice, on behalf of the Judicial Council and the Supreme Court, issued a series of Administrative Orders for Court Operations During the Pandemic to respond to the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Utah Department of Health, and local health experts for avoiding the spread of COVID-19 and its variants. Those recommendations now focus primarily on prevention measures to be implemented by individuals.

Throughout the pandemic the judiciary has consistently focused on the safety of patrons and court personnel. Though risks of infection with COVID-19 still exist, those risks can be appropriately managed without statewide orders from the Judicial Council and Supreme Court.

This Administrative Order supersedes the previous Administrative Order, dated June 24, 2022. In doing so, this Administrative Order terminates all previously imposed COVID-19-related orders.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The Administrative Order dated June 24, 2022 is terminated. All previously imposed COVID-19-related orders are terminated, including temporary rule modifications and community level instructions.
2. Individual districts and courthouses, as well as judges, commissioners, and court employees must work cooperatively with community partners to ensure a smooth transition from mandatory video appearances.
3. Individual districts and courthouses, as well as judges and commissioners, are encouraged to continue to use video appearances and hybrid court as appropriate and as determined by individual benches, judges, and commissioners.
4. An extension of a timeline ordered by the juvenile court in a child welfare, delinquency, or protective order proceeding pursuant to a prior administrative order will remain effective unless terminated by the court.

5. Benches and presiding judges may continue to implement procedures that best serve their locations.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022

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