

In the Iowa Supreme Court

In the Matter of Court Services)
During COVID-19)

June 17, 2021 Order

CLERK SUPREME COURT

The Iowa Judicial Branch is balancing the need to take measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 with its commitment to conduct the important work of the courts. The supreme court notes the widespread availability of the COVID-19 vaccine and the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the resumption of activities by people who are fully vaccinated, which includes the removal of most requirements regarding facial coverings and physical distancing.

Accordingly, the court rescinds its following orders:

- July 9, 2020 (In the Matter of Resuming In Person Court Services During COVID-19)
- July 22, 2020 (In the Matter of Resuming Jury Trials During COVID-19)
- July 29, 2020 (In the Matter of Resuming Appellate Oral Arguments During COVID-19)

With the rescission of these orders, judges may use their discretion to provide for physical distancing in their courtrooms for individual participants who request it because they are not fully vaccinated. Chief Judges may use their discretion regarding physical distancing and cleansing requirements for all court-controlled spaces. Signage in court-controlled spaces shall be modified to reflect these changes.

The court will continue to monitor circumstances and update this order as necessary.

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

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