

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON


IN THE MATTER OF)
REIMPOSING SOCIAL DISTANCING)
REQUIREMENT IN PUBLIC AREAS) ORDER 21-009
OF COURTHOUSE FACILITY)

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that Chief Justice Order 21-058 (hereinafter “CJO 21-058”) effective December 22, 2021, grants authority to the Presiding Judge to issue a Presiding Judge Order that requires social distancing in the public areas of a courthouse facility through June 30, 2022; that social distancing is a reasonable protective measure against transmission of COVID-19 and its variants; and that adequate courthouse facilities exist for conducting most in-person proceedings while maintaining social distancing requirements, except that gatherings of larger numbers of people such as would be necessary for selecting trial juries cannot be accommodated in the current courthouse facilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that effective immediately and until further order, the following shall apply:

1. All in-person court proceedings shall follow the social distancing requirements set forth in CJO 21-035 (Order Imposing Updated Social Distancing Requirement effective September 7, 2021), except that the minimum amount of physical distance between each person shall be four feet.
2. All jury trials scheduled in January 2022 are continued. Jury trials scheduled to begin after January 31, 2022 are subject to continuance by further order of the Court.
3. This order takes effect immediately.

DATED this 29th day of December, 2021.



Locke A. Williams, Presiding Judge
21st Judicial District