



1 building for judicial officers and employees; to remove the requirement that all  
2 courts maintain a daily log of all who enter; to permit double cloth masks; to provide  
3 that courthouses and judicial buildings only need to be maintained in accordance  
4 with the New Mexico Department of Health guidelines; to remove regular COVID-  
5 19 testing for unvaccinated judicial officers and employees; to amend Protocols No.  
6 1 and No. 2 to permit witnesses to testify without a mask, at the discretion of the  
7 trial court, when the fact finder has a difficult time hearing and social distancing of  
8 a minimum of three feet is maintained; and to amend Protocol No. 2 to permit others  
9 to be in the same room with an unmasked witness;

10 WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court being sufficiently  
11 advised, Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice David K.  
12 Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora, concurring;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the recommendation is  
14 ADOPTED and the amendments of Emergency Court Protocol No. 1 and  
15 Emergency Protocol No. 2 are APPROVED, **effective December 9, 2022.**

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IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable C. Shannon Bacon, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 9th day of December, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth A. Garcia", written in black ink.

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Elizabeth A. Garcia, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New Mexico

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