

State of Utah Judiciary Risk Phase Response Plan Color Summary (6/3/2021)

Red

All restrictions included in the Yellow phase will be followed

All court patrons, including parties and attorneys, will interact with the court system remotely, unless exigent circumstances require in-person contact

The courts will continue mission-critical functions. All court hearings will be conducted remotely unless the court is persuaded exigent circumstances require an in-person hearing

At their discretion, judges may continue any matter into the future except for in-custody criminal cases and mission-critical juvenile court cases

Any in-person hearing under exigent circumstances must be limited to those who are required to attend. Yellow-phase requirements apply. Anyone who is able to attend remotely must be allowed to do so

Yellow

Physical Distancing in common areas, work spaces, and courtrooms - maintain 6-foot distance

Court patrons are encouraged to wash their hands frequently, and use hand sanitizer where available

Courtrooms may have new capacity limits based on the size of the room and physical distancing requirements

In-person patrons will be subject to COVID screening. If they cannot meet the safety criteria, they will be given contact information and not allowed into the courthouse

The mask mandate is lifted in all Utah State Courts, effective May 24, 2021. Individuals who have not been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear masks, and others are free to wear masks, but there will not be a mandate except in one circumstance: court personnel must wear masks when assisting patrons who are wearing masks. A mask will be provided to those who wish to wear one.

Courts will follow and comply with COVID-19 contact tracing efforts for both staff and patrons

Courts are encouraged to conduct remote proceedings as much as feasible. In-person proceedings can be conducted provided safe social distancing can be maintained

Touch surfaces and equipment will be cleaned at regular intervals in common areas and in courtrooms

Patrons will be encouraged to file their petitions by email and can contact the courts for instructions

Green

Remote hearings can be considered when it is the most effective use of time and resources

Courts will continue to consider the needs and requests of vulnerable persons and provide reasonable accommodations

Business travel by court staff to an area where the CDC, WHO, or the Utah Department of Health recommends self-quarantine upon return is prohibited

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