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June 25, 2020

To whom it may concern,

On May 28, 2020, the New Mexico Supreme Court issued order No 20-8500-020, In the Matter of Recommencing Jury Trials during the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. Their order required each judicial district to create a plan in which "all precautionary measures this court has previously ordered for the safe operation of courthouses in New Mexico" were detailed for the safe recommencement of jury trials between June 15, 2020 and July 15, 2020.

The Eighth Judicial District's plan to resume jury trials has been approved by the New Mexico Supreme Court as required in their order. Our district's plan includes the steps we will be taking to safeguard jurors, lawyers, witnesses, and others during trial for each of the five courthouse locations in our district.

We ask that you please assist the court in circulating this information to your agency's staff and the general public. If you have any specific questions regarding this plan, please contact Chief Judge Emilio J. Chavez by contacting his TCAA Veronica Parraz-Cordova at 575-751-8608.

Enclosed:

Administrative Office of the Courts Press Release dated May 28, 2020

New Mexico Supreme Court order No. 20-8500-020

Eighth Judicial District Jury and Court Management Plan During the Covid-19 Pandemic