IN RE: VACATING REVISED VACCINATION POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES AND EXTERNS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

GENERAL ORDER 2022-03 VACATING FIRST AMENDED TEMPORARY GENERAL ORDER 2022-01

The Court has issued a series of general orders changing how the Court operates to do its part in containing the spread of COVID-19.1 In furtherance of those efforts, on February 10, 2022, the Court adopted, and later amended, a Vaccination Policy for employees and externs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic ("the Policy") as part of the Court's gradual transition to living with COVID-19 and resuming normal court operations. See General Order 2022-01. Since then, the Court has incrementally resumed in-person proceedings and expanded jury trials, and recently suspended the face covering requirement for in-person court proceedings. See General Order 2022-02. Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak also recently announced his intention to end the State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic on May 20, 2022.2 Thus, by all indications, society and the Court are transitioning to living with COVID-19 from treating it as an emergency. Accordingly, the Court vacates the Policy and the accompanying General Order 2022-01.

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¹See, e.g., General Orders 2020-02, 2020-03, 2020-04, 2020-05 (available at https://www.nvd.uscourts.gov/court-information/rules-and-orders/general-orders/).

²Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak, *Governor Sisolak announces intention to end COVID-19 State of Emergency* (May 6, 2022), https://gov.nv.gov/News/Press/2022/2022-05-06 COVID19StateOfEmergency/.

That said, COVID-19 continues to circulate in the community, and vaccines remain effective against it.³ The Court continues to encourage all employees and externs to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and stay up-to-date on their vaccinations.

It is therefore ordered that General Order 2022-01, First Amended General Order 2022-01, and the Policy are vacated.

This Order is effective from this 16th Day of May 2022 until further notice.

MIRANDA M. DU, CHIEF JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

³See Nevada Health Response, COVID-19 (Last Visited May 10, 2022), https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/; see also Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines (Updated May 9, 2022), https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety-safety-of-vaccines.html.