

## SUPREME COURT OF COLORADO

### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

#### DIRECTIVE CONCERNING MEALS FOR JURORS AND PROHIBITION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1. Meals shall be furnished to jurors at state expense when a criminal jury is sequestered.
2. At the discretion of the court, meals may be furnished to jurors at state expense in criminal, juvenile delinquency, and dependency and neglect jury trials when the jury is in actual deliberation.
3. At the discretion of the court, meals may be furnished to jurors in civil jury trials when the jury is in actual deliberation, and shall be charged as costs against the unsuccessful party, pursuant to Section 13-71-145, C.R.S.
4. Costs for juror meals shall be reasonable and kept to a minimum. Courts may exceed the Meal Reimbursement Amounts listed in the Judicial Department's Travel Fiscal Rules; however, the Meal Reimbursement Amounts for the court location should be considered when evaluating the reasonableness and appropriateness of juror meal purchases.
5. Meals shall not be furnished to jurors at state expense in instances other than those authorized by #1, #2, or #3 above unless extraordinary circumstances exist as determined by the court.
6. No alcoholic beverages may be provided at state expense to jurors at any time.
7. In all cases in which the court furnishes meals to jurors, only the number of Department Staff that the court determines to be necessary to maintain the security of the jury shall be furnished a meal at state expense.
8. Costs for meals allowed under this Directive shall be paid from mandated costs.
9. Costs to provide other food or beverages to jurors outside of the allowable circumstances outlined in this Directive shall be paid from the Judicial District's operating budget.

Done at Denver, Colorado this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, effective July 1, 2023.

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/s/

Brian D. Boatright, Chief Justice