

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

**TRIAL MANAGEMENT
ORDER**

vs.

Derek Michael Chauvin,

Dist Ct. File 27-CR-20-12646

Defendants.

ORDER

In addition to procedures outlined by the Court in its previous orders, the following procedures will be followed in the jury trial scheduled in the above-captioned matter:

1. Motions *in limine* will be heard on March 8, 2021 at 8 a.m., and subsequent days from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Jury selection will begin at 9 a.m. each day.
2. The trial will be held in Courtroom C-1856. Access to Floor 18 of the Hennepin County Government Center Courts Tower shall be controlled by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). No one shall be permitted on the 18th floor unless approved by the HCSO or the Chief Judge, and then only with approved credentials or identification as required by the HCSO.
3. Spectators
 - a. Two media representative selected by the Media Coalition will be allowed in the courtroom. Different persons may rotate through the positions, but only with the

appropriate credentials to be admitted to the 18th floor. The media representatives may only use electronic devices to take notes on the 18th floor. Other credentialed media will be provided workspace by the Court, but not on the 18th floor. Media may use electronic devices and post on social media while in the media workspace that is not on the 18th floor.

- b. One Court TV technician or producer will be allowed in the courtroom to facilitate communication with the presiding judge and other Court TV personnel involved in the production of the television broadcast. The person present in the courtroom may use a laptop computer to facilitate communication with the Court or other Court TV personnel, but not to capture or transmit images or substantive information from the court proceedings. Other Court TV personnel involved in the broadcast of the trial will be allowed in a specified area of the 18th floor near the courtroom to perform production and technical duties.
- c. One member of the George Floyd family may be present in the courtroom during the trial. Different family members may rotate through that position, but only with the appropriate credentials to be admitted to the 18th floor. Family members may not use electronic devices anywhere on the 18th floor.
- d. One member of the Derek Chauvin family may be present in the courtroom during the trial. Different family members may rotate through that position, but only with the appropriate credentials to be admitted to the 18th floor. Family members may not use electronic devices anywhere on the 18th floor.
- e. Spectators will sit in places assigned by the presiding judge or the HCSO.

- f. Spectators shall wear masks, keep six feet from other persons, and comply with all other COVID-19 prevention measures that are in place.
 - g. No spectator shall wear any mask or article of clothing that contains any image, logo, letters, or numbers that are visible.
 - h. Spectators shall not communicate verbally or non-verbally with the Court or with jurors or potential jurors. Spectators should avoid all contact with potential jurors or jurors.
 - i. Spectators may have water in a transparent bottle in the courtroom.
4. Jurors and Potential Jurors
- a. Jurors and potential jurors shall be escorted to and from the 18th floor by HCSO deputies or Hennepin County Security. Jurors and potential jurors shall follow instructions of the Court and the HCSO regarding movement while in the Government Center.
 - b. No one shall have contact or attempt to communicate with jurors except the presiding judge, court personnel, and HCSO deputies. Attorney contact with the jurors is limited to examination during the jury selection process.
 - c. Potential jurors and jurors shall not be referred to by name at any time. They shall be referred to only by the random number previously assigned by the Court.
 - d. Jurors and potential jurors shall wear masks, keep six feet from other persons, and comply with all other COVID-19 prevention measures that are in place.

5. Witnesses

- a. Witnesses are sequestered. Parties shall instruct their witnesses not to watch any part of the proceedings prior to their testimony and not to discuss their testimony or the testimony of other witnesses until after the witnesses have testified.
- b. Upon being called to the witness stand, the witness shall be directed to stand behind the witness chair in the witness where the oath will be administered by the presiding judge.
- c. During testimony, witnesses may use the witness display illustrator system if it will clarify their testimony. The witness does not need to ask for permission to use the illustrator function.
- d. At the end of each day of testimony, the attorney for the party presenting its case shall only provide a list of all witnesses that will be called the following day to the opposing party, the Court and the HCSO.
- e. Witnesses shall wear masks, keep six feet from other persons, and comply with all other COVID-19 prevention measures that are in place. Witnesses may remove their masks to testify and will do so if directed by the Court.

6. Attorneys and Parties

- a. The State may have four lawyers or support staff who are assisting in the trial present in the courtroom at any time. Different personnel may rotate through those positions.
- b. Defendant shall be present at all times during the trial. Attorney Eric Nelson and up to two staff from his law firm who are assisting in the trial may be present at any time.

- c. Everyone at counsel tables shall remain seated unless granted permission by the Court or directed by the Court. Communication among trial team members should occur electronically. Attorneys and support staff may use electronic devices in the courtroom.
 - d. Parties, attorneys and support staff shall wear masks, keep six feet from other persons, and comply with all other COVID-19 prevention measures that are in place. Attorneys may remove their masks to examine witnesses and to give opening statements and closing arguments.
 - e. Attorneys will conduct all arguments and witness examination from the lectern.
 - f. Objections shall be made without argument unless invited by the Court.
 - g. Sidebar conferences in the presence of jurors shall be conducted using the wireless headset devices provided by the Court. All such conferences shall be off the record, but the Court or the parties may make a record later outside the presence of the jury. Defendant will be provided with a headset to listen to the sidebar conferences.
7. All other rules of decorum found in Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 2 shall be followed unless specifically modified by this order or other orders of the presiding judge. The HCSO and court staff are authorized to enforce the rules of decorum.

BY THE COURT

Peter A. Cahill
Judge of District Court