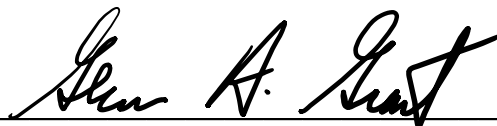


NOTICE TO THE BAR

COVID-19 -- HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN PANDEMIC RESPONSE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR FOR COURT OR SUBMIT TO DEPOSITIONS THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Nurses, doctors, and other healthcare workers are providing critical frontline care as New Jersey battles another wave of the COVID-19 virus. Accordingly, the Supreme Court has temporarily reinstated the suspension of requirements for healthcare professionals involved in responding to COVID-19 to appear for depositions or court proceedings, except for appearances and depositions (i) that are requested by the doctor, nurse, or healthcare professional; or (ii) that are for time-sensitive matters related to COVID-19. The Court's December 30, 2021 Order is attached.

Questions should be directed to the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts at (609) 376-3000.



Glenn A. Grant
Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: December 30, 2021

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

The Supreme Court in its [May 13, 2021](#) Order concluded the earlier ordered general suspension of depositions of and required appearances for any doctors, nurses, or other healthcare professionals involved in responding to COVID-19. In recognition that the COVID-19 virus again is surging in New Jersey and the entire nation, and of the elevated strain on healthcare professionals resulting from this current surge, the Court has determined to reinstate on an interim basis that general suspension of requirements for healthcare providers to submit to depositions or appear for court events.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that, effective immediately:

1. Through February 28, 2022, all depositions of and all required appearances for any doctors, nurses, or other healthcare professionals who are involved in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency are suspended, except for those appearances and depositions (i) that are requested by the doctor, nurse, or healthcare professional; or (ii) that are for time-sensitive matters related to COVID-19.
2. Depending on the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court may reconsider and revise the provisions of this Order.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: December 30, 2021