

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL DIVISION

IN RE:)
) No. 2021-1
COVID-19 PROCEDURES FOR)
JUDICIAL FACILITIES)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 4th day of August, 2021, as a result of Washington County having entered into the “substantial” level of transmission risk for COVID-19 as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that all individuals in a judicial facility in this judicial district shall comply with the CDC guidance for mask-wearing in indoor settings, *to wit*:

1. To maximize protection from the “Delta” variant of COVID-19 and prevent possibly spreading it to others, all individuals – irrespective of vaccination status – are required to wear a mask or face covering indoors in public areas or when dealing with a member of the public. This directive includes elected officials and employees, and members of the public.
2. Judicial officers shall have the discretion to permit an individual to remove his or her mask for the purposes of taking testimony, or when otherwise necessary to conduct a judicial proceeding.
3. Judicial officers shall have the discretion to limit the number of individuals present in a courtroom or judicial facility to provide for social distancing measures.

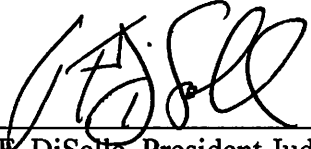
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The Sheriff is authorized to enforce this Order. Any individual that refuses to wear a mask shall be barred from entry into a judicial facility. Individuals barred from entry shall be provided a means to enable them to initiate, participate in, or complete their business at a judicial facility.

The District Court Administrator is directed to post a copy of this Order on all entry doors of the judicial facilities in this judicial district. A copy of this Order shall also be transmitted to the Washington County Bar Association for distribution to its members. Any publication of this Order shall be at the expense of the County of Washington.

This Order shall be effective August 5, 2021, and remain in place until further Order of the Court.

BY THE COURT:


_____, P.J.
John F. DiSalle, President Judge