

Face Covering and Social Distancing Policy **for the Court's Public Website**

The Court has found it necessary and appropriate to adopt a face covering and social distancing policy for all Courthouse employees, contractors, and visitors.

Per [General Order 2021-06](#), ALL individuals intending to appear in person in the Courthouses in our District, to include employees, vendors, contractors, litigants, attorneys, stakeholders from other agencies, and members of the public, shall be required to:

- engage in social distancing within our Courthouses whenever possible, which involves staying at least six feet apart from all other individuals outside your household; and
- stay home if you are sick.

Additionally, ALL individuals **that are not yet fully vaccinated** intending to appear in person in the Courthouses in our District, to include employees, vendors, contractors, litigants, attorneys, stakeholders from other agencies, and members of the public, shall be required to:

- wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth continuously when in public areas and shared common spaces in our Courthouses, to include hallways, entrance foyers, and courtrooms. Inside of each courtroom, the presiding judge may permit removal of face coverings for the purposes of facilitating a hearing or otherwise promoting the functioning and effective operation of the Court, with efforts made to ensure that individuals permitted to remove their face coverings generally stay at least six feet apart from other individuals.

Any visitor seeking entry to our Courthouses that does not comply with these requirements may be denied entry by security staff and will be asked to contact the office/chambers to be visited and determine whether alternate arrangements can be made to accomplish the business needs of the visitor without entry to the Courthouse.