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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF WHATCOM

CASE NO. 20-2-00001-37

IN THE MATTER OF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC )  
HEALTH RISK DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH )  
EMERGENCY )

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) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
) October 21, 2022

WHEREAS, mandatory masking requirements have been removed from all non-healthcare environments; and

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention currently rank the Whatcom County COVID-19 transmission rate as low; and

WHEREAS this Court has the authority to take actions that are reasonably necessary for the efficient administration of justice and the fulfillment of its statutory and constitutional duties:

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Court's authority to administer justice and to ensure the safety of courts, personnel, litigants, and the public, during a public health emergency, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. Commencing October 24, 2022, section 4 of this Court's Twenty-Ninth Administrative Order shall be amended as follows:

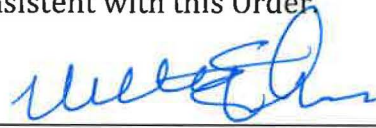
*Facial coverings.* Any person who enters the Superior Court may wear a facial covering for their own protection and the protection of others. Facial coverings are no longer mandatory in Superior Court with the following exceptions:

- a. Any judge presiding over a jury trial may mandate facial coverings for any and all jury participants in consideration of the following factors:
  - i. The length of the jury trial;
  - ii. The number of jurors needed to complete the trial;
  - iii. The particular environmental factors of the courtroom where the jury trial is to be conducted;
  - iv. Whether a jury trial participant has tested positive for, or been exposed to, COVID-19;
  - v. Any health-related vulnerabilities of any jury trial participants;

- vi. Any increase in the local COVID-19 transmission rate; and
- vii. Any other factor impacting the safe completion of a jury trial.
- b. Facial coverings may be mandated whenever determined to be necessary by a judicial officer.

All other sections of this Court's Twenty-Ninth Administrative Order remain in full force and effect to the extent they are not inconsistent with this Order.

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2022.



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ROBERT E. OLSON, Presiding Judge