

IN THE UTAH JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

May 21, 2021

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On April 13, 2021, the Chief Justice, on behalf of the Utah Judicial Council issued an administrative order continuing the mask mandate in all courthouses. The Center for Disease Control recently issued new guidance on mask use by those who are fully vaccinated. In light of that guidance, a new order is warranted.

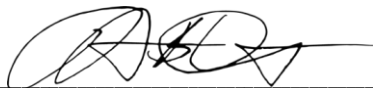
The judiciary continues to be in the unique position of having authority to compel individuals to attend court proceedings in person. Throughout the pandemic the judiciary has consistently focused on the safety of court personnel and patrons. The courts will continue that focus while also recognizing the benefits associated with vaccination.

The Center for Disease Control recommends in many circumstances that individuals continue to wear masks, based on their proven effectiveness in reducing the spread of COVID-19. The Center for Disease Control has declared that those who have been fully vaccinated no longer need to wear masks in indoor or outdoor settings.

It is therefore ordered as follows:

1. Effective Monday May, 24, 2021, court patrons and personnel are not required to wear masks in court buildings.
2. Court patrons and personnel who have not been fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear masks. The courts must provide N95 masks or masks with equivalent protection for those who want to wear masks.
3. Court personnel must wear masks when assisting court patrons who are wearing masks.
4. The courts will not ask court patrons or personnel whether they have been vaccinated.

DATED this 21st day of May, 2021.



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