

THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS
THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Administrative Order No. 2021-01

ORDER REGARDING MASKS OR OTHER FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING FOR COURT BUSINESS

The Centers for Disease Control issued Guidance on May 13, 2021, providing that all individuals who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 are no longer required to wear masks or other face coverings, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations. The recommendations for masks or other face coverings and social distancing have been modified by the Shawnee County Health Department for individuals who have been fully vaccinated. This Administrative Order is entered after considering the latest recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the Shawnee County Health Department, keeping in mind the health and safety of the public, court personnel, judicial officers, attorneys, litigants, witnesses, and law enforcement personnel.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Individuals including employees are not required to wear masks or other face coverings in any court office, courtroom, or other court environs. Those who wish to wear a mask or other face covering are welcome to do so. Those who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to wear a mask or other face covering. Individuals including employees are not required to social distance in any court office, courtroom, or other court environs. Those who wish to social distance are welcome to do so. Those who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to social distance. The presiding judge may make orders regarding the wearing or removal of masks or face coverings during any proceeding in any courtroom or chambers, and/or make orders for social distancing in any courtroom or chambers, within his or her discretion, which may be necessary for the health and safety of individuals or in the interests of justice.

This Administrative Order is adopted pursuant to Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2021-PR-48. This Administrative Order replaces all previous Administrative Orders issued in the Third Judicial District relating to masks or face coverings and social distancing. Administrative Order 2020-06 is hereby rescinded.

This Administrative Order is effective June 1, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Richard D. Anderson
Chief Judge