

**THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**Administrative Order No. 2022-04**

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

This Administrative Order is entered considering the latest recommendations from 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. This Order also considers the health and safety of the public, court personnel, judicial officers, attorneys litigants, witnesses, and law enforcement personnel but also balances the health and safety interests of these parties with the Court's ability to remain open and carry out its core functions as responsibly and expeditiously as possible.

**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. Individuals, including employees, are not required to social distance in any court office, courtroom, or other court environs.

Each presiding judge has the authority to 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 the 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 2022-PR-14. 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 Administrative Order 2021-01 is hereby rescinded.

This Administrative Order is effective March 7, 2022.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



Steven R. Ebberts  
Chief Judge