

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

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In the Matter of Modifying)
the Presiding Judge Order Implementing)
Chief Justice Order No. 21-025)
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) PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER NO. 2101-00000
)
) ORDER RE PROTECTIVE FACE COVERINGS IN
) COURT FACILITIES


Based on recent developments in the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent actions taken by the Centers for Disease Control, the Oregon Health Authority, and Multnomah County, I have concluded that the earlier Presiding Judge Order (PJO) of June 29, 2021, Implementing CJO 21-025 issued June 28, 2021, and requiring protective face coverings in court facilities, as well as the PJO dated July 28, 2021, which extends the expiration date of the former order from August 1, 2021 to a period that runs through September 6, 2021, should be modified to apply to judicial chambers, staff work areas, and other areas of the court facilities where people come into contact with each other, regardless of whether the people have been vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. The expanded requirement for face coverings to be worn by even fully vaccinated people is intended to protect against the increased risk of exposure to the more contagious Delta variant.

Any judge presiding in an in-person courtroom proceeding may proceed to grant an exception for participants in the proceeding in accordance with Chief Justice Order 21-028, Section 4, dated July 29, 2021, pending issuance of a PJO to implement that order.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that PJO 2101-00000 Re Protective Face Coverings in Court Facilities (June 29, 2021) as extended through September 6, 2021, shall apply in all judicial chambers, staff work areas, and any other areas in the courthouse where people come into contact with each other. Protective face coverings may be removed by a person working alone in judicial chambers when the door is closed or in another enclosed work area with the door closed.

This order takes effect immediately and shall remain in effect until extended or terminated by further order of this court.

DATED: August 11, 2021



Cheryl Albrecht, Chief Criminal Judge, on behalf of
Stephen K. Bushong, Presiding Judge,
Multnomah County Circuit Court

