

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

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In the Matter of Protective Measures)
) PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER
) 2201-00007
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) ORDER REGARDING PROTECTIVE
) FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS AND
) COVID-19 SYMPTOMS IN COURT FACILITIES
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On June 28, 2021, Chief Justice Walters issued CJO 21-025, which lifted many restrictions previously imposed on court operations following the expiration of the state of emergency. CJO 21-025 lifts the protective face coverings requirement previously imposed under CJO 20-045 and authorizes Presiding Judges in each judicial district to impose protective face covering requirements consistent with county requirements or as needed to protect public health and safety.

On December 14, 2021, Presiding Judge Bushong issued PJO 21-00000 updating protective measures required in the Multnomah County courthouses including quarantine and testing procedures. The quarantine and testing recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have been updated to reflect new COVID-19 transmission data.

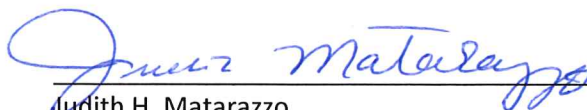
Accordingly, pursuant to the authority stated in CJO 21-025 and consistent with the CDC's COVID-19 Community Level in Multnomah County, to protect public health and safety, I hereby ORDER as follows:

1. Definitions. "Courthouse" means the common areas open to the public—including without limitation hallways, elevators, the jury assembly room, public service counters, and other public areas, and individual courtrooms—in the Multnomah County Courthouse, the Juvenile Justice Center, the Downtown Justice Center, and the East County Courthouse. "Protective face covering" means a covering of the nose and mouth to protect against spreading the COVID-19 virus, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.
2. Protective face coverings will be required according to the following criteria:
 - Community Level "LOW" – Protective face coverings not required.
 - Community Level "MEDIUM" – Protective face coverings not required.
 - Community Level "HIGH" – Protective face coverings required.
3. A judge presiding over a trial or other proceeding in a courtroom may, in the judge's sole discretion, may require some or all persons participating in or attending the proceedings to wear protective face coverings.
4. If the current COVID-19 Community Level in Multnomah County is "HIGH" as defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and protective face coverings are required, any person seeking to enter the Courthouse without using a protective face covering because of disability, respirator, or other health-related issues, or otherwise for good cause can request

an exemption from the Presiding Judge. Exemption requests may be presented to the Presiding Judge at the times set for ex parte matters or other times as needed. Persons requesting such an exemption should contact Presiding Court before entering the Courthouse.

5. The Court will post information as to the current COVID-19 Community Level ("LOW", "MEDIUM" or "HIGH") in all Courthouse facilities and on the Multnomah County Circuit Court's public website.
6. The Court will continue to provide protective face coverings and information about how to use them as needed and as available resources allow.
7. Regardless of current posted Community Level, no person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 5 days, who continues to have any symptoms of COVID-19 infection, or who is experiencing any symptoms of illness which can be due to COVID-19, may enter any court facility without prior approval from the Presiding Judge, Trial Court Administrator (TCA), or their designee. Symptoms may include:
 - a. Fever or chills
 - b. Cough
 - c. Tiredness
 - d. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - e. Muscle or body aches
 - f. Headache
 - g. Recent loss of sense of taste or smell
 - h. Sore throat
 - i. Congestion or runny nose
 - j. Nausea or vomiting
 - k. Diarrhea
 - l. Conjunctivitis
8. The Court may adopt different protective measures for the Juvenile Justice Complex and will post those requirements in the Juvenile Justice Complex and on the Multnomah County Circuit Court's public website.
9. This order supersedes PJO 2101-00000 signed August 11, 2021 regarding Protective Face Coverings in Court Facilities and PJO 21-00000 signed December 14, 2021 regarding COVID Symptoms or Exposures.
10. This ORDER is effective on October 1, 2022 and will remain in effect until June 30, 2023, unless extended or superseded by further order of this court.

DATED: 9-22-22


Judith H. Matarazzo

Presiding Judge, Multnomah County Circuit Court