

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE 20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, WASHINGTON COUNTY

In the Matter of:)	PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER NO. 292-CV
Restrictions on Washington County)	
Circuit Court Operations in response)	ORDER RE: Protective Face Coverings in
to the spread of COVID-19 Corona Virus)	Washington County Court Facilities
)	

On May 14, 2020, Governor Brown approved a Phase One reopening of some parts of the state, easing restrictions on Oregonians in relation to the COVID-19 state of emergency. On May 15, 2020, Chief Justice Walters issued Chief Justice Order (CJO) No 20-016, which imposed “Level 2” and “Level 3” restrictions on court operations effective June 1, 2020. On June 19, 2020, Governor Brown announced a requirement that face coverings be worn while in some public indoor spaces in several Oregon counties, including Washington County.

Pursuant to CJO No. 20-016, each court has the authority to order the use of protective face coverings, pursuant to that authority, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows.

1. Face Coverings:

a. All person entering the Washington County Courthouse are required to wear a protective face covering while in the Courthouse, with the following exceptions:

- A. Children under the age of twelve (12) years of age;
- B. A judge, presiding over a trial or other proceeding in a courtroom, may, in the judge’s sole discretion, decline to wear a protective face covering for all or any portion of the trial or proceeding;
- C. A judge, presiding over a trial or other proceeding in a courtroom, may authorize any person participating in the trial or proceeding to temporarily remove the protective face covering to facilitate communication as the judge deems appropriate;
- D. Court employees, working in an area where at least a six (6) foot distance is maintained are authorized to temporarily remove their protective face covering for the duration of their work in that space. Court employees must use protective face coverings whenever it is not possible to maintain a six (6) foot distance from another person, when working with the public without a physical barrier and/or when in other parts of the Courthouse;
- E. Any person granted an exception from the Presiding Judge. A person, who needs to enter the Courthouse without protective face coverings due to disability, health-related issues or for other good cause, **must** request an exemption from the Presiding Judge. Exemption requests may be presented at times set for ex parte matters or other times as needed. A person needing an exemption should contact the Judicial Support Supervisor before entering the Courthouse.

2. Definitions:

a. Courthouse – All common areas open to the public, courtrooms and work areas for court personnel in the Washington County Courthouse; the Justice Services Building, the Juvenile Services Building and the Law Enforcement Center.

b. Protective Face Covering – A covering that covers the mouth and nose of an individual. Protective face covering includes, but is not limited to, face coverings, face masks and face shields

3. The Court will provide protective face coverings and information on how to use them as needed to the extent **available resources allow**.

This ORDER is based upon currently available information concerning the risks and spread of the Covid-19 virus. This ORDER may be revised as further information from the Centers for Disease Control and the Oregon Health Authority becomes available. This ORDER goes into effect on June 24, 2020 and remains in force until revised or vacated by further order of the court.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2020.

/s/ Beth L. Roberts

Beth L. Roberts, Presiding Judge
Washington County Circuit Court