

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
COUNTY OF STANLY

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY NO. 21-R-177
STANLY COUNTY NO. 21-R-1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT 20A

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This matter coming on before the Honorable Kevin M. Bridges, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, and the Honorable John R. Nance, Chief District Court Judge, in Judicial District 20A, to comply with the order issued on June 4, 2021 by the Honorable Paul Newby, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, and effective on June 7, 2021;

And these Courts find that Chief Justice Newby's latest order eliminates social distancing at court facilities as well as COVID-19 Coordinators in each judicial district; that in his May 14, 2021 modification order, Chief Justice Newby eliminated Emergency Directive 21 (face covering requirement), but instead, left that decision to the informed discretion of local court officials with the ultimate resolution of any disagreements to be decided by the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge; that based upon data compiled by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and updated on June 2, 2021, the rate of fully vaccinated people in Montgomery County is 30.9% and the rate of fully vaccinated people in Stanly County is 29%; that although COVID-19 continues to present some threat to the health and welfare of the general public, the availability of vaccines has significantly reduced the severity of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated individuals; that the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge has regularly consulted with, and considered the recommendations of, the Director of the Stanly County Health Department;

And these Courts conclude that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Judicial District 20A that face coverings continue to be required for unvaccinated individuals at the court facilities in Montgomery County and Stanly County.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

1. The social distancing requirement at both courthouses in the district is hereby terminated.
2. The face covering requirement at both courthouses in the district is hereby terminated for fully vaccinated individuals. (We will rely on the honor system as to whether individuals are fully vaccinated. Ending this requirement without qualification would send an unintended message that getting vaccinated is not important.)
3. Flyers shall be posted at both courthouses in the district encouraging everyone who enters to either be fully vaccinated or wear a face covering.
4. This order shall take effect when entered and shall remain in effect until it is modified or terminated by further orders.

This the 4th day of June 2021.

/s/ KEVIN M. BRIDGES

KEVIN M. BRIDGES
SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
JUDICIAL DISTRICT 20A

/s/ JOHN R. NANCE

JOHN R. NANCE
CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
JUDICIAL DISTRICT 20A