

NORTH CAROLINA  
CABARRUS COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT  
COURT DIVISIONS  
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IN RE:

CORONAVIRUS  
(COVID-19)

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
(FACE COVERINGS)  
22-01

The undersigned Senior Resident Superior Court Judge and Chief District Court Judge for Judicial District 19A enter this administrative order relating to Face Covering after consultation with the Cabarrus Health Alliance.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Face Coverings. Except as provided herein, all persons entering and remaining in the Cabarrus County Courthouse shall wear a "Face Covering" as defined in the Section II, Section 3.5 (A) of Executive Order No. 147 as social distancing in the public spaces of courthouse is impractical. This area includes the security area at the entrance of the courthouse, the hallways, lobbies of the various divisions of the Clerk's office, the probation area of the basement, all areas of the courtrooms, and other public meeting spaces within the courthouse. Face Coverings shall also be worn by any non-clerk employee who is passing through or remaining in the Clerk's Office. The rules with regard to the secure spaces of the courthouse - the District Attorney's Office, the District Court Judges' Offices', Superior Court Judges' Office, the probation offices, for examples - shall be set by the hiring authority for each of those spaces. Unless directed by their hiring authority, Courthouse personnel are not required to wear face coverings when in their private workspace and not interacting with others.
2. Exceptions. This Administrative Order does not require Face Coverings for a person who: (a) Should not wear a Face Covering due to any medical or behavioral condition or disability (including, but not limited to, any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious or incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to put on or remove the Face Covering without assistance), (b) Is under eleven (11) years of age; (c) Is actively eating or drinking (d) Is seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired in a way that requires the mouth to be visible, (e) Is orally participating in a courtroom hearing, is six (6) feet from any other person, and the Face Covering materially impairs their ability to participate, (f) Would be at risk from wearing a Face Covering at work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulations or workplace safety guidelines; (g) Has found that his or her Face Coverings is impeding visibility to operate equipment or a vehicle; or (h) Who is working in an empty or nearly empty building before or after regular business hours in the courthouse.
3. Application of Exceptions. This Court adopts the terms of Executive Order NO. 147, Section II, Section 3.5 (D): Those that enter or remain in the Cabarrus County Courthouse "will be on the honor system about whether or not there is a reason why they cannot wear a Face Covering. Everyone . . . is asked to tell the truth and - if they are healthy and able to wear a

mask – to wear a Face Covering so that they do not put other people at risk of serious illness and death.”

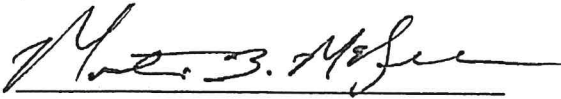
4. Enforcement of Face Covering Requirement.

- a. Those that attempt to enter the courthouse without a Face Covering, and who are not excepted, should be directed by security to wear one upon entry of the courthouse and be given a reasonable opportunity to do so.
- b. If available, security should provide a Face Covering to those who do not have one before such persons are granted entry.
- c. Those that do not wear a Face Covering, and who are not excepted, should be denied entry into the courthouse until they comply.
- d. Once in the courthouse, Face Coverings should be properly worn (covering both face and nose) as provided herein. If one is six (6) feet away for other individuals, a person required to wear a Face Covering may temporarily lower the same for a brief period for comfort. Those not properly wearing Face Coverings as provided herein shall be directed by security or other authorized personnel to properly wear the same. Those failing to comply, after being given a reasonable period to do so, shall be removed from the courthouse.
- e. Nothing herein is intended to limit the inherent judicial authority of judges of this Court in enforcing this Administrative Order or otherwise seeing that justice is properly administered.

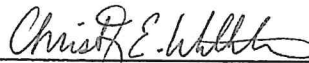
5. This order is effective at 8:00 a.m. on January 14, 2022 and shall expire at 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

This the <sup>15<sup>th</sup></sup> day of January 2022 to be effective January 14, 2022.



Martin B. McGee  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge  
Cabarrus County (19A)



Christy E. Wilhelm  
Chief District Court Judge  
Cabarrus County (19A)