

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

COUNTY OF ALAMANCE

2021 JUL 28 SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURT

ALAMANCE COUNTY, C.S.C.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

BY \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned Senior Resident Superior Court Judge and Chief District Court Judge of Judicial District 15-A enter this Administrative Order pursuant to Governor Roy Cooper declaring a statewide emergency and Chief Justices Cheri Beasley's and Paul Newby's Administrative Orders in response to the Coronavirus COVID-19.

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that on March 13, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency and recognized that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommends that people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 "avoid large groups of people as much as possible" and further recognized that the "people at high risk of severe illness" are "adults over 65 years, those with underlying health conditions including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes, or with weakened immune systems";

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommends for "Mass Gathering Events" that the event organizers, in part: 1) urge everyone who is sick not to attend; 2) encourage those who are at high risk as described above not attend; 3) find ways to give people more physical space to limit close contact as much as possible; and 4) encourage attendees to wash hands frequently;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that Chief Justice Cheri Beasley entered an order on May 21, 2020 placing a number of restrictions on in-person proceedings to avoid crowded courtrooms and allow for social distancing;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that Chief Justice Cheri Beasley of the North Carolina Supreme Court had issued an Administrative Order effective December 14, 2020 that most Superior and District Court activities in the State be suspended for the next thirty days;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that on January 14, 2021 Chief Justice Paul Newby entered an order allowing Emergency Directive 1 to expire and restoring to local judicial officials substantial decision-making authority over when and how to conduct jury trials and other in-person proceedings;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that on May 14, 2021, the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, eliminated Emergency Directive 21 that pertains to face coverings in court facilities and instead leaves that decision to the informed discretion of local court officials;

