

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
KENDALL COUNTY**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 22 - 01

*In re the Wearing of Masks
and Face Coverings within
the Public Areas and
Courtrooms of the Kendall
County Courthouse*

FILED

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MATTHEW G. PROCHASKA
CIRCUIT CLERK KENDALL CO.

WHEREAS, consistent with current public health practices and recommendations, whereby the wearing of a mask or face covering is no longer mandated in certain settings and under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, after consulting with the other judges in the Kendall County Courthouse;

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. Individuals entering the Kendall County Courthouse may, but need not, wear a mask or a face covering.
2. Individuals entering the Kendall County Courthouse are responsible for maintaining appropriate social distancing in the public areas and the courtrooms.
3. Individuals shall not enter the Kendall County Courthouse if they:
 - a. Have new flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding symptoms caused by chronic conditions);
 - b. Have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past five (5) days;

- c. Were exposed to COVID-19 and are not vaccinated or current with your vaccinations and fewer than ten (10) days have passed after exposure with no symptoms; or
 - d. Have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider or public health official.
4. Judges may, in the exercise of their individual discretion, require individuals in a specific courtroom to wear masks or face coverings. Such courtrooms shall have an appropriate sign on the outside of the courtroom indicating that the wearing of masks or face coverings is required in that particular courtroom; however, the absence of such a sign does not affect the judge's requirement that masks or face coverings are to be worn in that courtroom.
 5. Individuals called for jury duty, and all other individuals participating in any jury trial, including attorneys, parties, courthouse personnel, and witnesses need not wear masks or face coverings throughout the entirety of the jury selection process and jury trial, unless otherwise directed to do so by the trial judge.
 6. Court security personnel and bailiffs shall take reasonable measures to enforce appropriate social distancing within the courtrooms and all public spaces of the courthouse.
 7. Until further order, the gallery area of each courtroom is limited to a maximum number of individuals as follows:
 - Courtrooms 111, 112, and 113 - maximum of 50 persons;
 - Courtrooms 114 and 115 - maximum of 70 persons;
 - Courtroom 116 - maximum of 40 persons.
 8. Court calls will continue to be staggered, and the use of Zoom for parties and attorneys is encouraged, unless the court proceedings require an in-person appearance.

This Administrative Order shall be effective on February 22, 2022 and supersedes Administrative Orders 21-06, 21-11, and 21-12.

Enter: February 17, 2022.



Hon. Robert P. Pilmer
PRESIDING JUDGE