

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:

MODIFYING FACE COVERING

REQUIREMENTS FOR SJDC FACILITIES /

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-05(C)

[SJDC CONTINUED OPENING]

[FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS]

WHEREAS the Second Judicial District Court ("SJDC") Chief Judge has authority to make administrative decisions pertaining to the business of the court (WDCD 2(2), NRS 3.025(2)(c));

WHEREAS on March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak issued a Declaration of Emergency in Nevada in response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic ("Declaration of Emergency");

WHEREAS the Declaration of Emergency has not been rescinded although Directives have been issued regarding reopening;

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WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has updated its guidance to recommend that individuals wear masks in indoor public places, regardless of vaccination status. www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html (last accessed 07/30/2021);

WHEREAS on July 27, 2021, Governor Sisolak issued Directive 047, recognizing the update to CDC guidance and requiring individuals to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or face covering in public places and in a manner consistent with the guidance issued by the CDC;

WHEREAS the Declaration of Emergency and all Directives issued are available at: gov.nv.gov/News/Emergency_Orders/Emergency Orders (last accessed 07/30/2021);

WHEREAS on June 30, 2021, the Chief Judge entered Administrative Order ("AO") 2021-05(B) regarding the continued opening of the Second Judicial District Court ("SJDC");

WHEREAS AO 2021-05(B) permitted fully vaccinated SJDC judges and employees to go without a mask in certain circumstances, and gave judges the discretion to allow participants in court proceedings to lower their masks when talking; and,

WHEREAS since the issuance of AO 2021-05(B), CDC guidance regarding face coverings has changed, and the practice of allowing individuals to go maskless in an indoor public place is no longer consistent with current guidance.

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Accordingly, after review, and good cause appearing therefore, this Administrative Order 2021-05(C) follows:

All persons entering SJDC Facilities, including judges and employees, must wear a mask while present in SJDC facilities unless alone in a private individual area. This requirement applies regardless of vaccination status and is intended to be consistent with CDC guidance and Governor's Directive 047.

All other provisions of AO 2021-05(B) remain in effect.

This AO will be reviewed at appropriate intervals and shall continue until modified or rescinded by a subsequent AO.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 2nd day of August, 2021

SCOTT N. FREEMAN CHIEF JUDGE

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