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**Court of Common Pleas
Division of Domestic Relations
Hamilton County, Ohio**

In Re: : **M2100004**

**Second Amended Entry and Order on :
Court Operations and Facilities
Order**

This matter is before the Court pursuant to the decision by the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, for review of the practices and procedures of the Court during the public health crisis.

In response to the Covid-19 health crisis, and in accordance with the recommendations and public health orders, the Court issued the following:

March 13, 2020- Joint Statement on Covid-19
March 14, 2020- Joint Administrative Order
April 1, 2020- Amended Joint Administrative Order
May 7, 2020- Administrative Order Emergency Order Court Operations and Access During Health Crisis
June 2, 2021- Amended Administrative Entry and Order on Court Operations and Facilities Order

Those findings are all incorporated by reference herein.

On March 30, 2020, the Supreme Court of Ohio issued a Guidance to Local Courts Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. On April 28, 2020, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio issued updated guidance for the Courts of Ohio, recommending that the Ohio Courts follow the Governor's recommendations outlined in the April 27, 2020 Responsible Restart Ohio initiative. On April 30, 2020, the Health Director's Stay Safe Ohio Order was issued.

This Court in response to the continuing health crisis and in accordance with the recommendations of the Ohio Department of Health ("ODH") and the United States Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") implemented a number of safety measures, including but not limited to: reduced capacity, social distancing requirements, the required use of masks or facial coverings, temperature checks upon admission to the building, additional cleaning of high touch services and additional sanitization stations. The Court's facilities and maintenance departments have done a remarkable job cleaning and sanitizing work areas throughout this time and will continue to provide support regularly and as needed.

On May 14, 2020, the CDC updated the guidelines for persons who are fully vaccinated. In response, the Ohio Health Director issued a Second Amended Order for Social

Distancing, Facial Coverings to bring the State of Ohio health orders into conformity with the new CDC guidance.

On June 2, 2021, in accordance with the updated guidance from the CDC and ODH, this Court issued an amended order stating the vaccinated employees were no longer required to wear masks and the public was no longer required to wear masks or facial coverings in public areas.

On July 27, 2021, the CDC updated their guidance and recommended that all persons, including fully vaccinated individuals, should wear a mask indoors in a public setting when in an area with substantial or high transmission of the B.1.617.2 (delta) variant of Covid-19.

On August 27, 2021, the County Administrator notified all county departments that effective August 30, 2021, all employees and public, regardless of vaccination status were required to wear a mask or facial covering in all public areas of County-owned buildings.

In conjunction with this new order:

Effective August 30, 2021, employees, whether fully vaccinated or not, must wear masks in public areas of County-owned buildings.

The wearing of masks by members of the public, is now required in all public spaces. However, any Judge or Magistrate may modify these restrictions as they deem necessary in their courtroom. Public parties wearing a mask may be asked to remove their mask or facial covering if the judicial officer finds it necessary to remove the facial covering for hearing purposes.

The employees and members of the public should continue to practice social distancing to the extent possible.

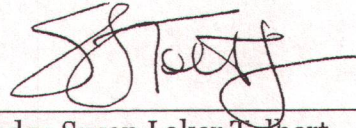
No person, including but not limited to staff, county employees, attorneys, litigants or members of the public shall enter the Courthouse if the person has Covid-19, suspects they have Covid-19, has a Covid-19 test pending, is exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 (including but not limited to fever, shortness of breath, chronic cough, sore throat) or has been in contact with persons who have recently tested positive for Covid- 19.

To the extent possible, all litigants and their attorneys are still encouraged to file all documents electronically.

Additional hand sanitizing stations will remain available and all persons are encouraged to use them or wash their hands frequently.

While the Court has and will continue to follow the Covid-19 recommendations, the Court wants to provide a work environment where all employees and members of the

public are safe. Any employee who is uncomfortable with these new guidelines should work with their department managers to consider reasonable accommodations.



Judge Susan Laker Tolbert
Administrative Judge
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