

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

ORDER AND ENTRY

**COVID-19 RESPONSE
TO PANDEMIC**

RE: FACEMASKS

This Entry and Order, is made upon the Court's own motion, and for good cause shown, in the interest of the health, welfare, and safety of the general public, and of the Court's employees and staff. Administrative Judge James D. Piergies, makes the following Findings of Fact:

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Ohio issued Executive Order 2020-01D and declared a state of emergency in Ohio in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization publicly characterized COVID-19 as a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that Americans wear cloth face coverings (masks) in public to help slow the spread of COVID-19. That recommendation was made based on studies that show a significant proportion of people with COVID-19 lack symptoms and can transmit the virus to others in close proximity, through speaking, coughing, sneezing, or other means.


WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton strongly recommends that Ohioans take the actions described in the attached Exhibit A, adopted from the Ohio Department of Health's publication entitled "COVID-19 Checklist for Cloth Face Coverings (Masks) Protecting Against COVID-19."

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all staff, litigants, plaintiff's, defendants, attorneys, witnesses, victims, law enforcements officers or anyone else that enters the Courtroom, the Court's Probation Department, or has business with the Clerk of Court's office, must at all times wear a facemask covering the individuals mouth, nose and chin. If an individual appears and requests

access to those areas of the Court, at the front door they will be advised they need to wear some sort of mask, scarf, or bandana covering. No ski masks that cover the entire face will be allowed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this Order is effective beginning Monday, May 4, 2020, and shall remain in effect until further Order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



JAMES D. PIERGIES, PRESIDING
AND ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

MUNICIPAL COURT
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EXHIBIT A

Adopted from the Ohio Department of Health's publication entitled:

COVID-19 Checklist for Cloth Face Coverings (Masks) Protecting Against COVID-19

- Use coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and public parks.
- Maintain 6-foot social distancing whenever possible, even if you are wearing a face covering.
- DO NOT place cloth face coverings on children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- DO NOT use medical supply masks, which must be reserved for healthcare workers, first responders, and people who are known to be sick.
- Make cloth face coverings from household items or common materials. Use multiple layers of a fabric that does not damage or lose shape when laundered or machine dried.
- Support small businesses selling fabric masks at a reasonable price, but watch out for scammers offering high-priced or so-called superior masks.
- DO use coverings that fit snugly but comfortably and allow for breathing without restriction. Secure behind the head with ties or ear loops. Wear horizontally.
- DO NOT touch the mask while wearing it. If you do, wash your hands immediately.
- DO ensure that your nose, mouth, and chin are covered at all times.
- DO NOT allow the mask to slip under your nose and DO NOT untie straps/unhook ear loops.
- DO wash your hands before putting on and immediately after removing.
- DO NOT touch your eyes, nose, or mouth when removing the face covering.

- DO launder coverings after each use. DO NOT wear when wet from laundering or from spit or mucus.
- When making a do-it-yourself face covering, use tightly woven fabric, preferably cloth that lets minimal light shine through.
- When making a do-it-yourself face covering, if you need to buy materials, consider purchasing online to avoid public places.
- The CDC offers instructions on creating a no-sew face covering out of a T-shirt, or out of bandanas, coffee filters, and rubber bands. You will also need scissors.
- The CDC offers instructions on sewing a face covering with 10-by-6-inch rectangles of tightly woven cotton fabric. You will need a sewing machine, needle and thread (or bobby pin), and scissors. You will also need elastic, rubber bands, hair ties, string, or cloth strips.