

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

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ORDER AND ENTRY

RE: COVID-19 AND THE
DELTA VARIANT

This Order and Entry is being made to try to provide infection control within our buildings as a result of the continued challenges with COVID-19 and the new Delta variant. In the interest of 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 declared a state of emergency in Ohio in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus;

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

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that people (even fully vaccinated) wear facemasks while in public indoor settings to help lower the rate of transmission and help to protect against the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 Montgomery County, Ohio made recommendations to implement directives to all employees and the public in their facilities to wear facemasks;

WHEREAS, on Thursday, August 5, 2021 James D. Piergies, Presiding and Administrative Judge held a meeting where it was decided that the Montgomery County Municipal Court would follow those directives;

WHEREAS, many members of the public having business before the Court remain unvaccinated and accurately ascertaining vaccination status is not possible. Based upon these Findings of Fact the following orders have been developed:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all staff, litigants, plaintiff's, defendants, attorneys, witnesses, victims, law enforcements officers or anyone else that enters the Montgomery County Municipal Court must wear a facemask covering the individual's mouth, nose and chin. The deputies at the front door will advise individuals upon their arrival at the courthouse that they need to wear some sort of facemask in order to be granted access into the building. No ski masks that cover the entire face will be allowed.

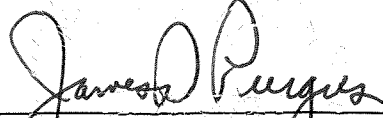
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that only individuals with business at the courthouse will be allowed to enter the courthouse. If you have business to conduct as a result of a civil, criminal, or traffic proceeding, the appearance is limited to defendants, plaintiffs, their attorneys and victims only. If you do not have business before the court, you will not be permitted to enter the courthouse, this includes children. In addition, upon entering the building, you must sanitize your hands at the hand sanitizer stations we have set up.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all individuals will adhere to 6-foot social distancing protocols which will be enforced while in the courthouse.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED these Orders are effective beginning Monday, August 9, 2021, and shall remain in effect until further Order of this Court.

The Court will use discretion if a facemask cannot be worn, to determine if a matter needs addressed in order to protect an individual's health, safety, or imminent serious harm, that cannot be remedied otherwise. The Court will continue to assess the situation to determine if additional precautions are necessary while also trying to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



JAMES D. PIERGIES, PRESIDING
AND ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE