

FILED IN OPEN COURT

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021  
ELISABETH A. FRENCH  
PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
JEFFERSON COUNTY )

**TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALABAMA**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: AO-2021-025**

WHEREAS, in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic, the statewide facial covering mandate expires as of April 9, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. I have consulted with the Jefferson County Health Department, the Centers for Disease Control guidelines, and other Judges. Given the steady number of new daily confirmed COVID-19 cases in this circuit, and the vaccination rate of approximately nineteen percent (19%) of the population, facial coverings remain a requirement for all parties, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, members of the public and Court personnel for the next sixty (60) days in all courtrooms of the Tenth Judicial Circuit. Removal may be authorized by individual Judges. This Court's previous Orders of May 15, 2020 and August 12, 2020 remain in effect as they relate to social distancing and other safety precautions inside of the courtrooms. This extension likewise applies to the Clerks' Offices.

Jury trials are in full force and effect.

DONE and ORDERED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

*Elisabeth French*  
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ELISABETH A. FRENCH  
PRESIDING JUDGE

cc: Via e-mail distribution  
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All District Judges, Tenth Judicial Circuit  
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