

FILED IN OPEN COURT

This 29th day of July 20 21
ELISABETH A. FRENCH B.W.
PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. AO-2021-46

WHEREAS, in regards to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the undersigned has consulted with the Jefferson County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. In order to mitigate exposure to the virus and protect the health and safety of members of the public, the facial covering requirement is hereby reinstated for all persons over the age of two (2) years, whether vaccinated or not, entering any courtroom of the Tenth Judicial Circuit. This requirement applies to all parties, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, visitors and Court personnel. Judges retain the authority to authorize removal of facial coverings in their individual courtrooms and in chambers.

This Order shall remain in effect until November 1, 2021 or until further Order of the Court. This Court's previous Orders (including AO-2020-031, 32, and 47) regarding virtual court proceedings, social distancing and other safety precautions remain in effect.

DONE and ORDERED this the 29th day of July, 2021.



ELISABETH A. FRENCH
PRESIDING JUDGE

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