

**IN THE 24th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF ALABAMA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER – 8/9/2021

Due to the rise in Covid-19 cases, it is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** as follows:

MASKS

ALL individuals entering any courtroom, law library, circuit clerk’s office, or any circuit/district judicial offices in any courthouse in this circuit **SHALL** wear a mask for his or her own protection and for the protection of others.

Masks worn into court proceedings shall not contain any writing or image that would be inappropriate for a courtroom setting. The presiding circuit judge or judge presiding over the court proceeding may require that the mask be temporarily removed: (i) for identification purposes, (ii) if the mask substantially interferes with the ability of the judge, parties, lawyers or court reporter to communicate effectively, or (iii) if wearing the mask prevents an authorized recording device from accurately recording what is being said by an individual who is speaking.

If an individual is unable to wear a mask due to his/her health or safety concerns, that individual shall alert the court and remain outside the courtroom until precautions can be taken by the judge presiding over the court proceeding. Said precautions shall be determined at the sole discretion of the judge presiding over the court proceeding.

COURTROOM CAPACITY

Each courtroom in this circuit **SHALL** be restricted to lawyers, judges, law enforcement, court personnel, defendant’s and the parents/guardians of minor parties involved in cases on the docket.

On duty law enforcement officers are excluded from this order. No other exceptions will be considered by the Court.

Any individual who fails to comply with any provision of this order is subject to the contempt powers of the court.

Done this 9th day of August, 2021.

/s/ SAMUEL W. JUNKIN

Samuel W. Junkin

Presiding Circuit Judge

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