

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BARBOUR AND BULLOCK COUNTY

**PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2021-8**

WHEREAS, regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the DELTA variant, the undersigned has consulted with the State and Local departments of County Health 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 and employees, the facial covering requirement is hereby reinstated for all persons over the age of two (2) years, whether vaccinated or not, entering any court facilities of the Third 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. Department heads within the Courthouse will have the authority to authorize removal while inside their respective offices or work areas where the public does not have access.

This Order shall remain in effect until **November 1, 2021** or until further Order of the Court. This Court's previous orders regarding virtual court proceedings, social distancing and other safety precautions remain in effect.

DONE and ORDERED this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.



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PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE