

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

FILED IN OPEN COURT

This 4th day of January 20 22
ELISABETH A. FRENCH B.W
PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. AO-2022-03

WHEREAS, this Court's previous mandatory facial covering Order expired on November 1, 2021. Weekly Covid-19 case rates for Jefferson County had fallen in the weeks that followed. However, given the spread of the omicron variant, upon consideration of the recommendations from the Jefferson County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and 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 (whether vaccinated or not), over the age of two (2) years, 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 April 1, 2022 or further Order of the Court, whichever comes first. This Court's previous Orders (including AO-2020-031, 32, and 46) regarding social distancing, virtual court proceedings and other safety precautions remain in full force and effect.

DONE and ORDERED this the 4th day of January, 2022.



ELISABETH A. FRENCH
PRESIDING JUDGE

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