

**STATE OF INDIANA
VIGO SUPERIOR COURTS
2022 TERM**

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| IN THE MATTER OF: |) | |
| |) | No. 84C01-2003-CB-001743 |
| FACE COVERINGS IN COURTHOUSES |) | |
| UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES |) | |
| CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED |) | |
| CORONAVIRUS |) | |
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GENERAL ORDER

On August 9, 2021, the Vigo Circuit/Superior Courts and T.H. City Court (hereinafter Courts of Vigo County) issued General Order 84C01-2003-CB-001743 requiring, with limited exceptions, that all persons entering or occupying a public space in the Vigo County Courthouse, Title IV-D Court, Juvenile Court, or Terre Haute City Court (hereinafter “Courthouses”) wear a face covering. After considering guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local public health authorities, the Courts of Vigo County determined that such a measure was necessary at that time to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Recently, as COVID-19 cases resulting in serious illness and death have decreased, the CDC and other public health authorities have revised their guidance on the necessity of face coverings and physical distancing. Current guidance indicates that most individuals can resume indoor activities without wearing a face covering and without physical distancing, except where required by other laws or rules.

Upon consideration of this updated public health guidance, the Courts of Vigo County for the Courthouses find that it is appropriate to allow persons to enter and occupy the public spaces of the Courthouse without wearing a face covering and without maintaining physical distance from others. It is noted, however, that face coverings are recommended to stop the spread of COVID-19 with social distancing, and that staying up to date on vaccinations reduces the risk of becoming seriously ill.

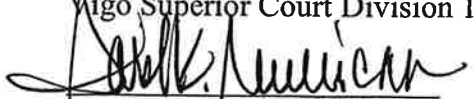
Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that, effective March 7, 2022, and until further order of the Court,


1. At all levels, people may wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by personal level of risk. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with Covid-19 should wear a mask.
2. Face coverings are recommended, but not required to enter and occupy public spaces within the Vigo County Courthouse.
3. Upon entering space belonging to a tenant agency in the Vigo County Courthouse, all persons must comply with the rules and requirements of that tenant agency regarding face coverings and physical distancing.
4. Upon entering courtrooms, Judges' chambers and offices, or any space where a court proceeding is being conducted, all persons must comply with the rules and requirements of the presiding Judge regarding face coverings and physical distancing.
5. All persons summoned for jury service, and court staff interacting with such persons, must wear face coverings while in rooms and public spaces designated for juror check-in, orientation, and related activities until such persons enter a courtroom, at which time the rules and requirements of the presiding Judge take effect.
6. Any person found to have violated this Order may be held in contempt of court, cited, and/or expelled from the courthouse.


This Order **supersedes** the Court's General Order of August 9, 2021, on this subject and modifies any other order referencing that General Order to the extent provided herein. The Court may rescind or modify this Order as necessary for the health and safety of courthouse occupants.

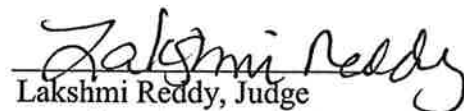
SO ORDERED 7th DAY of MARCH 2022.

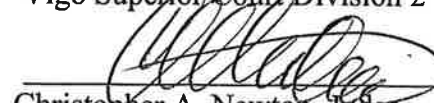

John T. Roach, Judge
Vigo Superior Court Division 1

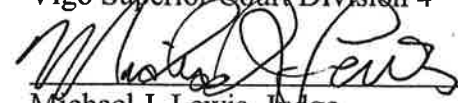

Sarah K. Mullican, Judge
Vigo Superior Court Division 3


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Terre Haute City Court


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Christopher A. Newton, Judge
Vigo Superior Court Division 4


Michael J. Lewis, Judge
Vigo Superior Court Division 6