

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

IN RE: ALL PERSONS ENTERING ) MISC. CASE NO. CM-2021-48700  
FAIRFAX COURTHOUSE DURING )  
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC )

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO MANDATORY FACE COVERING ORDERS OF  
MAY 18, 2020 AND JUNE 10, 2021**

Based on current declining COVID cases in Fairfax County, policy directives of the Governor and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the courthouse mask directive is amended for employees as follows:

Effective July 6, 2021, fully vaccinated individuals entering the courthouse are not required to wear masks. All unvaccinated visitors are to wear masks according to guidance provided by the Virginia Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Social distancing will continue to be observed when in the common areas of the courthouse and passive screenings will continue at the entrances of the facility. Per guidance from the Fairfax County Health Department, courtrooms can increase current capacity while maintaining some measure of social distancing. The presiding judge in the courtroom has the authority to require masks.

The Court encourages all visitors to protect their health and the health of others who may not be vaccinated. Masks covering the mouth and nose remain the single most effective mitigation strategy for unvaccinated individuals. The Court continues to welcome masks for anyone who chooses to wear one, regardless of their vaccination status. Masks remain an effective way to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and a host of other diseases, including colds and flu. We encourage all to be mindful of one another's comfort levels as we emerge from this pandemic.

All other COVID safety measures will remain in effect.

ENTERED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.



PENNEY S. AZCARATE, CHIEF JUDGE  
19<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF VIRGINIA