## **Revisions to Twentieth Judicial Circuit COVID-19 Operational Plan**

## Masks are no longer required in our courthouses as of October 20th

Chief Judge Michael T. McHugh has signed off on an amendment to Administrative Order 2.41. The amended order will lift the requirement to wear masks in all public areas of the courthouses in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit on Wednesday, October 20th.

Any person may voluntarily choose to wear a face mask in our courthouses and, if requested, a face mask will be provided at no cost. Court participants may also request to be physically distanced and the court will address such a request as appropriate under the circumstances at the time of the request.

Remote technology is still strongly encouraged and will still be used as an alternative to in-person proceedings, when appropriate, to facilitate the efficient and expeditious processing of cases and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. However, Courtrooms are open to view court proceedings.

The Chief Judge and our Trial Court Administrator will continue to review local health conditions on a weekly basis in our five counties.

This Administrative Order supersedes all other Administrative Orders and directives and is effective Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

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