

IN THE UTAH JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

April 13, 2021

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The Utah statewide mask mandate expired on April 10, 2021 and therefore guidance is required on the use of masks in courthouses and other court buildings.

The judiciary continues to be in the unique position of having authority to compel individuals to attend court proceedings in person. Throughout the pandemic the judiciary has consistently focused on the safety of court personnel and patrons and will continue that focus.

The Center for Disease Control recommends that individuals continue to wear masks, based on their proven effectiveness in reducing the spread of COVID-19. The wearing of masks will continue to be an important tool in the fight against COVID-19 until herd immunity is achieved.

It is therefore ordered as follows:

1. Court patrons and personnel must continue to wear masks in courthouses and other buildings managed by the courts, such as probation offices, consistent with the Risk Phase Response Plan adopted by the Management Committee of the Judicial Council.
2. The mask mandate will continue until otherwise ordered or unless authorized in the Risk Phase Response Plan.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.



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