

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONROE COUNTY
FORTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION**

IN RE: 43rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT : No. 106 AD 2020
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER : 5 CV 2021
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 11th day of March, 2022, **effective Wednesday, March 16, 2022**,
We hereby **AUTHORIZE** and **ORDER** the following:

1. Facial masking in any Court Facility is **optional** but **highly recommended** in all public spaces including, but not limited to, corridors, restrooms, courtrooms, hearing rooms, deliberation rooms, elevators, stairways, entranceways, and all Court offices.
2. Where practicable, it is **highly recommended** that all persons maintain **physical distancing** of a minimum of 6 feet of separation. The CDC currently recommends, "If you are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines, stay at least 6 feet away from other people, especially if you are at higher risk of getting very sick with COVID-19."
3. All persons entering any Court facility, which includes 701 Main Street and the Sherman Theater, shall be screened using the COVID-19 questionnaire approved by the Court. Any person not meeting the health questionnaire criteria may be denied access to any Court facility and alternative accommodations for access to court proceedings and offices will be made. The Sheriff's staff will continue to act as the "gatekeeper" in accordance with these procedures.
4. Any person who meets one or more of the below criteria may be prohibited from entering the Court Facility:

- a. is currently directed to quarantine, isolate or self-monitor at home for COVID-19 by any doctor, hospital or health agency; or
 - b. has been diagnosed with COVID-19 (and has not been medically cleared from isolation), or has had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 (within the last fourteen (14) days); or
 - c. has flulike symptoms or a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
5. Court users will be permitted in the facility no more than 10 minutes prior to a scheduled proceeding or appointment. Counsel shall speak with their clients outside of the court facility prior to any proceeding.

This Order supersedes this Court's Administrative Order 104 AD 2020, dated December 17, 2021, and shall remain in effect through April 1, 2022, or until further order of the President Judge of this Court.

BY THE COURT:



Margherita Patti-Worthington, P.J.

cc: Honorable Arthur L. Zulick
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Honorable Jennifer Harlacher Sibum
Honorable Stephen M. Higgins
Honorable David J. Williamson
Honorable C. Daniel Higgins
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