

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

IN RE: 43rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT : No. 104 AD 2020
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER : 5 CV 2021
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 17th day of December, 2021, We hereby **AUTHORIZE** and **ORDER** the following:


1. Any person entering any Court Facility, *regardless of vaccination status*, shall wear a facial covering which covers the nose and mouth while in all public spaces including, but not limited to, corridors, restrooms, courtrooms, hearing rooms, deliberation rooms, elevators, stairways, entranceways, and all Court offices, except when an employee is in his or her own cubicle or private office.
2. All persons in all Court Facilities shall maintain physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet of separation, unless otherwise directed by the Court.
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 (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; or
 - d. is not wearing a facial covering in accordance with paragraph 1 above; or
 - e. has traveled outside of the United States of America within the last ten (10) days
5. Litigants will be permitted in the facility no more than 10 minutes prior to a scheduled proceeding and counsel shall speak with their clients outside of the court facility prior to the proceeding. Accommodations for the press and for public access to proceedings will be made upon request to Court Administration.

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Orders related to this Order can be found on the Court's website at www.monroepacourts.us.

This Order 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.

PROthonotary
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- cc: Honorable Arthur L. Zulick
 Honorable Jonathan Mark
 Honorable Jennifer Harlacher Sibus
 Honorable Stephen M. Higgins
 Honorable David J. Williamson
 Honorable C. Daniel Higgins
 All Magisterial District Judges
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Josephine Ferro, Register and Recorder
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All Municipal Police Agencies within Monroe County
Pennsylvania State Police – Lehighton, Stroudsburg & Fern Ridge Barracks
East Stroudsburg University Police Department
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