

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, UNION COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL, PROBATE, AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS

CASE NO. 2021-MS- 0030

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ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Whereas, the Common Pleas Courts of Union County, Ohio, General, Probate, and Juvenile Divisions, hereby modify the COVID-19 protocols for persons entering the Union County Courthouse to protect the public and county employees, and ORDER as follows:

- 1. All unvaccinated persons desiring to enter the Union County Courthouse must take their temperature at the automated screens located at the entrance and wear a face covering at all times.
- 2. No person shall enter the courthouse with a temperature of 100.4 or above.
- 3. All unvaccinated employees working in the Union County Courthouse must take their temperature at the automated screens located at the entrance and wear a face covering at all times when they are not at their desk and/or otherwise protected by plexiglass.
- 4. All vaccinated persons and employees entering the Union County Courthouse may take their temperature and wear a face covering. Neither is required.
- 5. The requirement to wear a facial covering does not apply when:
 - a. The individual is under ten years of age;
 - b. A medical condition including those with respiratory conditions that restrict breathing, mental health conditions, or disability contraindicates the wearing of a facial covering;
 - c. During court hearings when a judicial officer requests that a mask be lowered in order to assist with communication in the courtroom.

d. The individual is communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired or has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;

e. The individual is alone in an enclosed space, such as an office, or in lieu of an enclosed space, the individual is separated by at least six feet in all directions from all other individuals, and in either case the space is not intended for use or access by the public;

f. The individual is actively engaged in a public safety capacity, including but not limited to law enforcement, firefighters or emergency medical personnel;

g. Facial coverings are prohibited by law or regulation;

h. Individual is actively participating in broadcast communications;

i. Any other exception set forth by the Director of the Ohio Department of Health.

6. Unless fully vaccinated, persons and employees shall avoid gathering in groups and practice social distancing whenever practicable.

7. All prior orders regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus) issued by the Common Pleas Courts of Union County, Ohio, General, Probate, and Juvenile Divisions are hereby rescinded. All individuals are directed to verify the existence of any local rules regarding specific practices in the respective Courts.

8. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Common Pleas Courts of Union County, Ohio, General, Probate, and Juvenile Divisions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Don W. Fraser, Judge

Union County Court of Common Pleas, General Division

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