

## In the Iowa Supreme Court

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**In the Matter of Ongoing Provisions  
for Coronavirus/COVID-19 Impact  
on Court Services****August 27, 2021 Order**

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The Iowa Judicial Branch is balancing the need to take measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 with its commitment to conduct the important work of the courts. Accordingly, the supreme court has reviewed the recent revisions to the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding mask wearing in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission and issues this order regarding face coverings, which replaces the court's May 14, 2021 order.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**


**Face coverings.** All people entering court-controlled areas must wear a face covering. This requirement applies regardless of a person's vaccination status. Signage in court-controlled areas shall be modified to reflect this change. Judges, in their discretion, may permit the removal of face coverings by participants or take other measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in court proceedings.

This requirement applies statewide and does not depend on a particular county's or area's positivity rate or transmission status.

The court will continue to monitor circumstances and update this order as necessary.

Dated this 27th day of August, 2021.

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Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice