

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: LIFTING OF MASK RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO COVID-19 IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH NEW CDC COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL  
INDICATORS

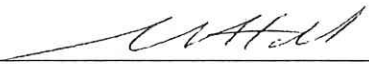
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4-2022

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AND NOW, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, in consideration of the recently revised Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) community level indicators (“low, medium and high”, with high being the only indicator for which public indoor face masks uniformly are recommended), which replace the former COVID-19 transmission level indicators (“low, moderate, substantial and high”), and Chester County’s current COVID-19 community level indicator of medium, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** within the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District as follows:

1. Face mask coverings are not currently required by administrative order, including administrative order nos. 24-2021 and 1-2022, in any interior building area occupied by a court department, common pleas court or magisterial district court, or for non-jury proceedings, jury proceedings and any other court related activity.<sup>1</sup>
2. All common pleas judges, magisterial district judges, court department heads, and hearing officers shall continue to use reasonable efforts to safeguard against COVID-19 contagion within Chester County, including requiring social distancing to separate the persons in a room/courtroom, staggering hearing/appointment times to reduce the numbers of persons in a room/courtroom and using advanced communication technology, where appropriate, to facilitate remote appearances.<sup>2</sup>

BY THE COURT:

  
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JOHN L. HALL, President Judge

<sup>1</sup> If the CDC determines that Chester County has a COVID-19 community level indicator of “high”, face mask coverings will again be required in accordance with administrative order nos. 24-2021 and 1-2022. (The new “high” community level indicator shall replace the former “substantial” and “high” transmission level indicators described in those orders.) Future Chester County community level indicators shall be calculated by the CDC.

<sup>2</sup> Each individual court of common pleas judge, magisterial district judge, and court department head retains discretion, as circumstances indicate, to require face mask coverings, including by members of the public and court employees, in any public and non-public interior building area over which that judge or department head has direct supervisory authority.

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