

VAN BUREN COUNTY - ALL COURT POLICY

SUBJECT: FACE MASKS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC	SECTION: 2 - Operations	DATE: 1/21/2022
PREPARED BY: Ann Stamm	NUMBER: Policy 2.011	SUPERSEDES: n/a

BACKGROUND:

The Court's COVID-19 Emergency Operations Plan, Policy 2.006, addresses face mask policies during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the current impact of COVID-19 on staff, litigants, jurors, and the public, the Court highlights those policies in this Order.

POLICY STATEMENT:

To provide for the safety of employees of Van Buren County Courts, as well as the public who utilize the court facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is ordered that:

1. Court Visitors/Jurors
 - a. All vaccinated and unvaccinated visitors/jurors shall wear a face covering in all courtrooms and hearing rooms and when face to face with court staff.
 - b. Face masks may be removed in the courtroom at the discretion of the presiding judicial officer when speaking or testifying with social distancing in place.

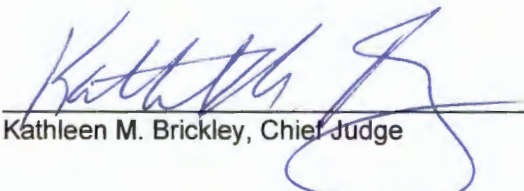
2. Court Staff
 - a. All vaccinated and unvaccinated employees are required to wear a face mask upon entry into the court facilities and when moving around in public areas.
 - b. Employees working alone in an office or at workstations separated by 6 feet or more from another employee may remove face masks.
 - c. Employees must be wearing a face mask when in the courtroom, hearing room or when dealing directly with members of the public. Face masks may be removed when speaking or testifying in the courtroom with social distancing in place.
 - d. For unvaccinated employees, it is strongly recommended that face masks always be worn during work.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

1/21/22

APPROVAL:

Date: 1/21/22


Kathleen M. Brickley, Chief Judge