

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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LEBANON, PA

IN RE: COVID 19 MITIGATION : ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022 JAN -6 P 3: 32
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ORDER

AND NOW, this 6th day of January, 2022, the Court notes that the County of Lebanon continues to be identified as an area of high community transmission based on current CDC data, and specifically, that new confirmed COVID 19 cases per 100,000 in the Lebanon County population during the last seven (7) days is 795.5 and the hospitalization rate for Lebanon County has increased, with an average of 56 COVID patients a day. These critical figures and statistics clearly necessitate the implementation of masking requirements in public areas of Court facilities in order to provide for the safety of court personnel, court users and the public. Accordingly, it is HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Effective Monday, January 10, 2022 and continuing through January 31, 2022, all persons, including court employees under the supervision and authority of the President Judge, irrespective of COVID 19 vaccination status, who enter any court facility, including all Magisterial District Courts, the Office of Court Administration, Domestic Relations, Probation Services and the Lebanon County Law Library, shall wear a mask or other appropriate face covering in all courtrooms, conference rooms, public hallways and common areas accessible to the public. Any person seeking entry into a court facility (including the Auditorium when utilized for the purposes of Central Court) without an appropriate mask or face covering will be provided a mask by the Court.

2. Those persons who cannot medically tolerate a face covering (including children under the age of two) are exempted from this Order.

3. Court participants, such as judges, witnesses, interpreters, Court staff and attorneys may be permitted to remove masks for the purposes of communication at the discretion of the presiding judge.

4. The Courts will continue to operate at full capacity with social distancing to remain in place as previously ordered.

The Court will continue to monitor new information from the CDC, the AOPC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, as well as the Lebanon County COVID 19 dashboard regarding the dynamics of the COVID 19 virus and its variants in the community, and may amend this Order at any time, as appropriate.

BY THE COURT:



JOHN C. TYLWALK P.J.

Cc: The Honorable John C. Tylwalk, President Judge
The Honorable Samuel A. Kline, Judge
The Honorable Bradford H. Charles, Judge
The Honorable Charles T. Jones, Jr., Judge
The Honorable Robert J. Eby, Senior Judge
Stephanie Axarlis, Esquire, District Court Administrator
Robert J. Phillips, County Commissioner
Jo Ellen Litz, County Commissioner
Jamie Wolgemuth, County Administrator
Michael Anderson, Director of the Domestic Relations Sections
Audrey Fortna, Director of Probation Services
Jeffrie C. Marley, Jr., Sheriff