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Theresa Emmert, Court Administrator

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RE: Updated Court Operations Notice

Greetings Colleagues:

We again express our appreciation for your patience as we navigate this fluid situation and continue to provide the highest quality services to Juvenile Court families during the pandemic. The judges continue to meet regularly to discuss changes in our community as it relates to the spread of COVID-19. We also consider guidance from the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Centers for Disease Control and Protection, and our local health department. Due to the most recent expiration of our local Directed Health Measure, **masks are no longer required in our courtrooms or lobby area.** Parties who prefer to continue wearing them are welcome to do so.

In-Person Hearings: It will remain the expectation that parties and counsel appear in person for all hearings unless permission is granted by the Court, in advance, for an individual to appear in another manner. We appreciate your cooperation in reaching out to the Court as early as possible when making this request. Any requests to appear remotely for a contested hearing, such as a trial, will need to be in writing stating the positions of all parties.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Court Administrator Theresa Emmert or one of our bailiffs. Thank you again for everything each of you do to serve our Juvenile Court families.

Sincerely,

Hon. Roger J. Heideman

Hon. Reggie L. Ryder

Hon. Elise M.W. White

Hon. Shellie D. Sabata