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Theresa Emmert, Court Administrator

August 25, 2021

RE: Updated Court Operations Notice
**(Updated mask requirement based on new Directed Health Measure
going into effect in Lancaster County on August 26, 2021)**

Greetings Colleagues:

We would again like to express our appreciation for your patience as we continue to navigate this fluid situation of providing the highest quality services to Juvenile Court families during a pandemic. The ongoing commitment of the professionals who appear in our courtrooms, as well as those who work tirelessly behind the scenes, does not go unnoticed.

The judges continue to meet regularly and 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 current situation as it relates to vaccines, risk assessment, and continued spread, we remind those appearing in our courtrooms that our *Updated Court Operations Notices, issued on May 14, 2021, and August 12, 2021, remain in effect except as modified in the Use of Masks paragraph below.*

Use of Masks: Pursuant to the Directed Health Measure in effect from August 26, 2021, through at least September 30, 2021, the Juvenile Court will require all individuals age 2 years and above to wear a mask when entering the Juvenile Court lobby and continue to do so in the waiting area as well as in any courtroom or conference room regardless of vaccination status.

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.

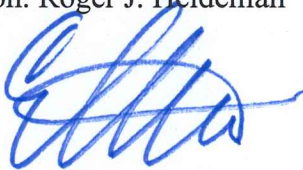
As has been the situation for over a year, we will continue to provide sanitizing stations, masks, and other supplies for those who appear in Juvenile Court. Our staff will continue their best efforts at sanitizing courtrooms as necessary in an attempt to slow the spread of this virus.

If you have any questions that were not addressed herein, please refer to the Court's May 14, 2021, and August 12, 2021, notices previously distributed. You may also contact Ms. Theresa Emmert, Court Administrator, or one of our bailiffs, if you have other questions or concerns. Thank you again for everything each of you do to serve our Juvenile Court families.

Sincerely,



Hon. Roger J. Heideman



Hon. Elise M.W. White



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Hon. Shellie D. Sabata