

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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) FOURTH ADMINISTRATIVE
IN RE: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS) ORDER REGARDING THE
AND COVID-19 DISEASE) WEARING OF FACE
) MASKS
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WHEREAS, this Court continues to closely monitor national, state and local responses to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and follow guidance provided by state and local public health agencies and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and,

WHEREAS, public access to the Courts is vital to the operation of the judiciary; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC and other public health authorities have advised people to take precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19, including recommending the use of face coverings or masks in public settings; and,

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department has announced that the directed health measure (“DHM”) requiring the wearing of face masks in indoor spaces will expire effective February 19, 2022,

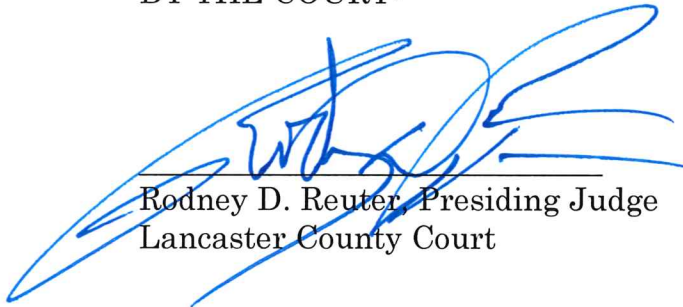
NOW THEREFORE, the Court finds and orders that its Mask Order dated January 14, 2022, should be vacated and discontinued. **Effective immediately**, individuals appearing in the courtrooms of the Lancaster County Court will not be required to wear a mask or face covering, **unless otherwise required** by the Judge assigned to the particular Lancaster County Courtroom. Nothing in this Order shall authorize an individual who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for the disease to enter a courtroom. In addition,

nothing contained in this Order shall curtail the Court's discretion in limiting the number of individuals in a courtroom or otherwise, or curtail the Judge's discretion to require the wearing of face coverings or face masks in that Judge's assigned courtroom. Finally, nothing in this Order shall discourage the use of telephonic and videoconferencing hearing options as allowed by statute or by agreement of the parties so long as the same are conducted pursuant to court rules. Links to ZOOM will continue to be provided for non-participants to view proceedings via ZOOM.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 22nd day of February, 2022.

BY THE COURT:



Rodney D. Reuter, Presiding Judge
Lancaster County Court