

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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) THIRD 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, effective January 15, 2022, the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department has enacted a new directed health measure (“DHM”) in response to the increase in cases of COVID-19 and, more particularly, the Omicron variant of that disease, requiring the use of masks in indoor spaces regardless of vaccination status; and,

WHEREAS, this Court finds that it is prudent given the current state of the virus to follow the guidance of the new DHM.

NOW THEREFORE, the Court finds and orders as follows:

Effective at 12:01 a.m. on January 15, 2022, unless otherwise authorized by the Court, each person seeking entry into or occupying

the courtrooms of the County Court of Lancaster County, **whether or not such person has received a COVID-19 vaccination**, shall wear a face covering, mask, scarf or other device which completely covers and conceals his or her nose and mouth (“mask”), and such mask shall be worn continuously by each such person during the period of time that he or she is in the courtroom; and,

Any visitor seeking entry into the courthouse without a mask will be offered a mask by the Lancaster County Sheriff; and,

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is authorized to deny admission or remove any person from a courtroom who is not in compliance with any of the terms of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 14th day of January, 2022.

BY THE COURT:



Rodney D. Reuter, Presiding Judge
Lancaster County Court