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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
GENERAL, CRIMINAL, DOMESTIC RELATIONS,  
PROBATE AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS,  
WOOD COUNTY, OHIO**

**In re: Temporary Orders Necessitated  
By the Covid-19 Pandemic**

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The Judges of the Wood County Court of Common Pleas, General, Criminal, Domestic Relations, Probate and Juvenile Divisions (Wood County Common Pleas Court), make the following Findings of Fact:

1. On August 5, 2021 it was reported that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Wood County Health Department had determined that Wood County was at the Substantial Level for community transmission of COVID-19. This increase has been driven by the so called Delta variant of COVID-19.
2. The Substantial Level means, according to the CDC, that 50 or more people per 100,000 people have contracted COVID-19 in a seven (7) day period or there is a test positivity rate of 8% or more.
3. The Wood County Health Department reports that as of August 5, 2021 Wood County has recorded 54 cases per 100,000 people in the past seven (7) days (71 total cases) and has a test positivity rate of 6.16%.
4. The CDC recommends that everyone, including fully vaccinated people, wear masks in indoor public settings in communities with substantial or high transmission. Adding a mask indoors will help protect those who can't yet get the vaccine, including children under 12 and people with health conditions that limit the effectiveness of the vaccine.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Wood County Common Pleas Court has developed and will continue to develop a continuum of flexible responses to this public health emergency. The

continuum of responses is intended to protect health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:**

1. All persons entering interior public areas of the Wood County Common Pleas Courts, Probate Court, Juvenile Court, Clerk of Courts, Domestic Relations Court, Probation Office, Court Administration, and Court Security must be wearing a mask or facial covering. This includes lobbies, waiting areas, hallways, courtrooms, and conference areas.
2. Masks are not required to be worn in individual, private offices or work areas when members of the public are not present.
3. Anytime an employee of the Court is interacting with the public they must wear a mask and maintain social distance.
4. Individual Courts may establish additional protocols consistent with this order for jury trials, hearings, and other functions that involve members of the public or bar.
5. Outside of the changes listed above, all functions of the Wood County Court of Common Pleas Courts shall continue as currently operating.
6. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until such time as same is modified or rescinded by the undersigned Judges. **This order is effective Monday August 9, 2021.**

  
HON. MATTHEW L. REGER  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

  
HON. DAVID E. WOESSNER  
PRESIDING JUDGE

  
HON. MARY "MOLLY" L. MACK  
COMMON PLEAS JUDGE

  
HON. JOEL M. KUHLMAN  
COMMON PLEAS JUDGE

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