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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR GRANT COUNTY**

IN MATTER OF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC )	EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE
HEALTH EMERGENCY RE: )	ORDER NO. 13 (21-03)
CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 )	
)	RE: COURTROOM FACE COVERING
)	REQUIREMENTS AND WEBEX NOTICE
)	OF HEARING
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WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention issued updated guidelines and recommendations regarding the use of face coverings in indoor public settings regardless of a person’s vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2021, the Grant County Health District issued a press release identifying the rapidly increasing spread of COVID-19 in Washington state driven by the Delta variant and also recommending residents wear a face covering in indoor public settings regardless of a person’s vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, the Grant County Health District continues to report increasing COVID-19 positivity rates in Grant County that are much higher than the stated goal of less than 25 per 100,000 residents over a fourteen (14) day period; and

WHEREAS, Grant County Superior Court Emergency Order No. 6 issued on May 5, 2020, paragraph 2.c.ii. requires a party to serve on an opposing party a notice regarding use of the Grant County Superior Court’s Webex platform; and

WHEREAS, the language used in paragraph 2.c.ii. of Emergency Order No. 6 is no longer appropriate because Grant County recently modified the County’s website;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Face coverings required when physically appearing in court:**
  - a. All individuals who physically appear in court, including attorneys, litigants and jurors, are required to wear a face covering and to social distance themselves from others regardless of their vaccination status.

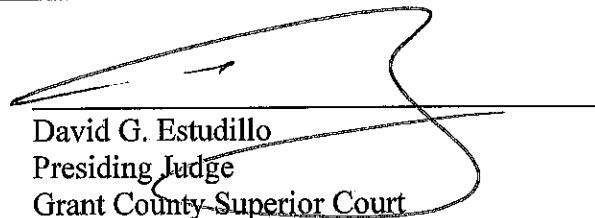
- b. The Court's previous order allowing for appearance in court without a facemask upon showing proof of vaccination is hereby rescinded.
  - c. As used herein, a "face covering" is a surgical mask, a kn95 mask or an n95 mask that is worn over the mouth and nose. Cloth masks do not qualify as a face covering.
2. **Notice regarding use of Webex Platform.** In civil matters (not including the protection order docket), as part of the motion and supporting documents served on an opposing party, the moving party must also serve the following notice on the opposing party:

This matter is scheduled to be heard via the Grant County Superior Court's Webex platform. The Webex platform allows you to appear by video or by telephone. Attorneys should appear by video unless the court allows otherwise. Pro se litigants (and an attorney's clients) may appear by video or telephone.

To access the Webex platform, go to <https://www.grantcountywa.gov/365/WebEx-Video-Hearings>. Once there, you will find the links to enter the virtual courtrooms and the corresponding telephone numbers and access codes that can be used if you are unable to appear by video.

- 3. This administrative order and other administrative orders previously issued by the Grant County Superior Court in response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 public health emergency may be deemed part of the record in affected cases for purposes of appeal without the need to file the orders in each case.
- 4. The Court understands the pending public health emergency created by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 is a fluid situation that continues to develop on a daily and sometimes hourly basis. Accordingly, the Court will continue to review emerging developments and may issue further administrative orders as necessary.

ORDER DATED: 7/30/21

  
David G. Estudillo  
Presiding Judge  
Grant County Superior Court