

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
BUTLER COUNTY JUVENILE COURT**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Recently, the Butler County Health Department has indicated that we have now moved to the highest level of COVID community transmission, per the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Last month, the Health Department urged all residents of Butler County to utilize universal masking while indoors in public spaces, regardless of vaccination status. Over the past several weeks, our county-wide COVID numbers have not improved.

Many school districts in this county, and elsewhere in Ohio, noting the alarming number of children who are contracting COVID, have recently adopted universal mask requirements due to concerns regarding student safety and health.

This Court, like our schools, provides services for children and young people. Indeed, through our Detention and Rehabilitation Facilities, this Court provides a residence for many juveniles.

In this Court's estimation, because of the foregoing, the following Order must be issued in order to protect the health and safety of all persons who work in, reside in, or visit our facilities.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:

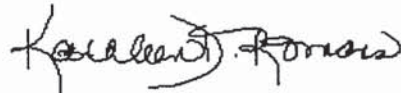
That effective Wednesday, September 8, 2021, all persons, including all employees and staff members of this Court, who enter into or who remain within the Butler County Juvenile Justice Center, Juvenile Detention Center, Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, and any and all of the offices of said facilities, SHALL at all times wear a fabric or medical facial covering or mask that covers their mouth and nose.

The Judges and Magistrates of this Court shall have the authority to waive the above requirement when there are issues with the understandability of litigants and witnesses during a hearing or proceeding in the courtroom of said Judge or Magistrate.

Employees, who while alone in an enclosed space such as an office, need not wear a facial covering, unless another person enters said space or office.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of this Court.

SO ORDERED.



Kathleen D. Romans
Administrative Judge
Butler County Juvenile Court

KATHLEEN D. ROMANS, JUDGE
& EX-OFFICIO CLERK (#9)

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