IN RE:	: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
	: CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MASKING	:
	: CP-21-MD-202-2020

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 22ND day of NOVEMBER, 2021, Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1952, in order to balance the public's compelling interest in securing access to judicial services and the mandate of Rule 1952(8)(2) to "take necessary action to provide for the . . . safety of court personnel, court users and the public," it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. **Effective Monday, December 6, 2021**, all persons, including court employees under the supervision and authority of the President Judge, irrespective of COVID-19 vaccination status, who enter the Cumberland County Courthouse shall wear a mask or appropriate face covering in all courtrooms, public hallways, lobbies, stairways, elevators, and common areas accessible to the public and under the jurisdiction of the President Judge.

2. Those persons who cannot medically tolerate a face covering (including children under the age of two) are exempted from this Order. For court participants such as judges, witnesses, interpreters, court staff, and attorneys, the removal of masks for purposes of communication will be at the discretion of the presiding judge.

3. This mask mandate for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, is necessary as an extra precautionary measure for all court personnel, court users and the public.

4. This Administrative Order applies only to the courts and public common areas of the Cumberland County Courthouse under the jurisdiction of the President Judge, specifically the Jury Assembly room on the 3rd floor as well as the entire 4th and 5th floors and does not apply to the individual Row Offices in the courthouse which are under the independent control of the officials overseeing those court-related offices and all other public and common areas of the courthouse under the control of the Commissioners. The Commissioners and all Row Officers retain the authority to implement any

mask policy that they believe is necessary and appropriate to properly manage their individual offices.

5. This Court will continue to operate at full capacity, with social distancing encouraged at the discretion of the presiding judge.

6. This ORDER shall expire as soon as all jury trials scheduled for the week of December 6, 2021, have been completed.

By the Court,

Edward E. Guido, P.J.

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