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## IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE:

IN THE CONTINUING MATTER OF THE LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL COURT PROCEDURES REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

## JUDICIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

**REF: JO-2.58** 

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 21, 2021** 

SUPERSEDE/RESCIND YES
CROSS-REFERENCE JO- 2.55 and 2.56

Multiple Administrative Orders were issued in 2020 and 2021 dealing with the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The latest Administrative Order JO-2.56 was issued to deal with COVID-19 in January 2021. Pursuant to JO-2.56, normal operations of the court were re-instituted and began June 1, 2021 due to the downward trend of new infections. A surge of new infections is now occurring.

On July 16, 2021, the Southern Nevada Health District recommended that both unvaccinated and vaccinated people wear masks in crowded indoor public places where they may have contact with others who are not fully vaccinated. This recommendation was in response to the rise in COVID-19 cases and the increased positivity rate in our community. Clark County and the City of Las Vegas are also reverting to their previous mask requirements, and are now requiring all employees to wear a mask when in common or public areas in government facilities. The Eighth Judicial District Court has also mandated similar mask requirements.

City of Las Vegas Charter 4.020(4) charges the Chief Judge of the Las Vegas Municipal Court with establishing and enforcing administrative regulations for the governing of the affairs of the Municipal Court.

## **Mandatory Face Coverings**

For the health and safety of all, attorneys and members of the public must wear face coverings that cover their noses and mouths. Face coverings must be worn at all times while in the Las Vegas Municipal Court and while in any security screening line to enter the City of Las Vegas Municipal Courthouse.

All Court employees must cover their noses and mouths with face coverings while at work unless they are alone in their unshared work space. This includes all common areas of the facility, back hallways, elevators, shared restrooms and break rooms unless they are dining.

If the Judge expressly allows, an exception may be had if necessary for communication during a court proceeding as long as the participant or attorney is speaking at the courtroom podium, a witness seat or the Judge at his or her bench, and as long as appropriate distance of at least six feet or greater can be maintained.

Children under the age of two and individuals who are unable to remove the face covering without assistance do not have to comply with the above-referenced face covering directives. Individuals who are unable to wear a face covering should make arrangements to appear by alternative means.

Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth at all times. Face coverings with vents, bandanas, or face coverings made out of mesh are not permitted. Face shields may be worn with a mask as added protection, but may not be worn alone. Face coverings must be worn regardless of vaccination status.

This order takes effect upon filing and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by a subsequent order.

Dated: July 2021

BERT BROWN CHIEF JUDGE