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MEMORANDUM

TO: Courthouse Security and Sheriffs in Southern Judicial Circuit
Clerks of Court, Southern Judicial Circuit

FROM: Chief Judge Richard M. Cowart *RMC*
Judge James E. Hardy
Judge Brian A. McDaniel
Judge James L. Prine
Judge Gregory A. Voyles

DATE: June 28, 2021

RE: Procedures for the Southern Judicial Circuit -
COVID-19

Effective July 1, 2021, the face mask requirement instituted by this Court in the beginning of the pandemic will be amended. All employees, attorneys, witnesses, spectators, and visitors entering the courthouses in the circuit will be required to wear a mask unless they have been fully vaccinated with any of the CDC approved COVID-19 vaccines.

All employees, attorneys, witnesses, spectators, and visitors should still maintain social distancing in each courtroom and all common areas of the courthouse.

During jury trials all attorneys, witnesses, parties, and spectators who are attending court shall be screened before entering the Courthouse or Judicial Annex, including taking temperatures as previously implemented.

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The Sheriff's office will not be responsible for providing masks but the Court will attempt to have some available for pro se parties. Please continue to have hand sanitizer available for parties to use before entering the Courtroom.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with these procedures.

All judges concur.