

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BUTLER, ELK, AND GREENWOOD COUNTIES, KANSAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-11
ORDER IN RESPONSE TO KANSAS SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-PR-090 REQUIRING MASKS IN
APPELLATE AND DISTRICT COURTS

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This order is in response Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-090 which updates the operating procedures under Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-049 and the 13th Judicial District local Administrative Orders 20-08, 20-09, and 20-10.


Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-090 provides, "to protect the health and safety of court users, staff, and judicial officers, Kansas district and appellate courts will adhere to Kansas Governor's Executive Order No. 20-52, " Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED, that effective Thursday, July 9, 2020:

1. The 13th Judicial District Court staff and county employees assigned to work on-site in court offices, courtrooms, or any other facility used for court proceedings must wear a facemask when working with the public.
2. The 13th Judicial District Court staff, judicial officers, and county employees will wear a mask when two or more staff members or individuals are in the same area in nonpublic court offices.
3. In the 13th Judicial District, all court proceedings must continue to be conducted by audio visual or telephonic means and in-person court proceedings shall be conducted only under special circumstances in which audiovisual or telephonic means would be inconsistent with a criminal defendant or victim's rights under the United States or Kansas Constitutions. In those rare instances, pursuant to Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-90, the judge presiding over such proceeding may enter an order authorizing a waiver of Kansas Governor's Executive Order No. 20-52 requiring masks or other face coverings provisions within the courtroom or other facility where the judge is presiding over a proceeding. The waiver does not include the authority to waive the mandates under Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-076 and local Administrative Orders 20-08, 20-09, and 20-10 which requires the court to limit proceedings to 10 individuals or less; have individuals maintain a physical distance of 6-feet or more; and clean and sanitize the courtrooms between each proceeding in accordance with standards established by the county facility management and county health department.
4. Any visitors to the Butler County Judicial Center court offices or courtrooms; Elk County Courthouse second floor court offices or courtrooms; or Greenwood County Courthouse second floor court offices or courtrooms shall wear a facemask unless waived under the above section.
5. In addition to the above directives, the courts of the 13th Judicial District must adhere in-full to local Administrative Orders 20-08, 20-09, and 20-10 which provide health-related measures for the public, court staff, and judicial officers in court operations.

This order shall be in effect as of July 9, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 9th day of July 2020.



David A. Ricke, Chief Judge
Thirteenth Judicial District

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