

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF AMHERST**

**IN RE: ORDER REQUIRING THE WEARING OF MASKS IN THE AMHERST  
COUNTY COURTHOUSE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

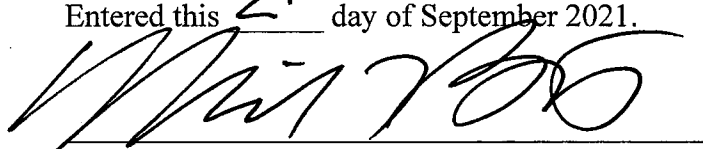
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**REVISED ORDER**

Upon consideration of the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health, this court gave an oral order to the courthouse security that as of September 1, 2021, masks or face coverings were required for anyone entering the Amherst County Courthouse. This written order is entered to memorialize and further delineate the rules regarding the wearing of masks in the Amherst County Courthouse Building. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that masks or face coverings shall be required for anyone entering the Amherst County Courthouse and must be worn in the courthouse building unless specifically excused by a judge. When such permission is given, the person removing his or her mask will be asked to move more than 10 feet away from others before removing the mask in order to comply with proper distancing. If someone does not have a mask or face covering, one will be provided to them at the courthouse entrance. Jurors who are unable to wear masks for medical reasons, or who refuse to do so, will be dismissed or deferred, depending on their specific medical issue. Jury trials will be conducted in accordance with the Amherst Circuit Court Jury Trial Preparedness Plan approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia on December 11, 2020 and as governed by further orders of this court.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Order to the Amherst Commonwealth's Attorney, the Amherst Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court and the Amherst General District Court. Copies of this Order shall be posted at the courthouse entrances and at other appropriate locations within the courthouse. This order shall also be posted on the Amherst Circuit Court website.

Entered this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of September 2021.

  
Michael T. Garrett, Presiding Judge