

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR

In the Matter of:)
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IN THE MATTER OF MAINTAINING) Administrative Order
SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN THE) No. 2021-003
MUNICIPAL COURTS OF MARICOPA)
COUNTY)

Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona issued numerous Administrative Orders over the last 15 months to address measures to be taken by the Judicial Branch to conduct business in a manner that reduces the risk associated with the public health emergency. The Supreme Court has now issued Administrative Order No. 2020-77 which suspends the statewide face-covering requirement for the Judicial Branch in Arizona and instructs the presiding superior court judge of each county to issue an order addressing the use of masks or face coverings in Judicial Branch facilities through their respective county. In complying with this mandate, the presiding judge of Maricopa County Superior Court issued Administrative Order No. 2021-074.

THEREFORE, pursuant to Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2021-77; Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2017-79 and Maricopa County Superior Court Administrative Order 2021-74:

IT IS ORDERED that the Goodyear Municipal Court continue to conduct proceedings consistent with the courthouse safety requirements set forth in Section I of the Supreme Court Administrative No. 2021-77

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person intending to be present at a court proceeding who currently has COVID-19 or has symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the U.S. Center for disease Control must contact the Goodyear Municipal Court via telephone, fax, or email to arrange to appear telephonically, have their appearance waived, or have the proceeding reset.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that effective June 11th, 2021, all Goodyear Municipal Court employees, and judges (including Judges Pro Tem) shall wear a mask or face covering when they are in a posted Mask Optional Area of a court facility. Municipal Court employees and judicial officers who are fully vaccinated (14 days from final vaccination) have the option of wearing a mask or face covering in any area of a court facility that is not posted as ‘mask optional area’. The court shall recommend that all unvaccinated employees and judges wear a mask or face covering within any area of a court facility unless they are at their workspace and more than six feet away from any other person.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other persons entering the Goodyear Municipal Court shall wear a mask or face covering when they are in a posted ‘Mask Optional Area’ of the

Court facility. All persons entering the Goodyear Municipal Court who are fully vaccinated (14 days from final vaccination) have the option of wearing a mask or face covering in any area of the court that is not a posted 'Mask Optional Area'. The Goodyear Municipal Court recommends that all unvaccinated persons who enter the Court facility wear a mask or mask covering within any area of the court facility. Any person who refuses to wear a mask or face covering as directed by court personnel will be denied access to the facility. If a participant is denied physical access to the Goodyear Municipal Court for refusing to wear a face covering as required, the participant must contact the judicial officer's staff to determine whether the person can participate in the proceeding using an audio or video connection.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mask Optional Areas shall include, but are not limited to: courtrooms, jury assembly areas, self-help center, Pre-Trial and conference rooms, information counters, clerk windows or transaction counters, lobbies and detention areas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Judge of the Goodyear Municipal Court may designate additional Mask Optional Areas in any area where there is necessary and substantial interaction between court employees and the public.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the presiding judge may adopt a more restrictive mask requirement to match that of their municipality.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during in-court proceedings, the judicial officer may authorize the temporary removal of masks or face coverings for purposes of witness testimony, defendant identification, making an appropriate record, or other reasons deemed necessary by the judicial officer provided that the appropriate social distancing or other protective measures followed. When allowing this exception, the judicial officer shall ensure that other attendees remain protected through social distancing. (A judge and staff, if fully vaccinated, may remove their own mask in a courtroom when no member of the public is physically present in the courtroom and proper social distancing is in place.)

Dated this 10th day of June, 2021.

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Hon. Mayra Galindo
Presiding Judge