

24th Judicial District Court

Parish of Jefferson

State of Louisiana

ORDER 2021 – 04

JURY TRIALS

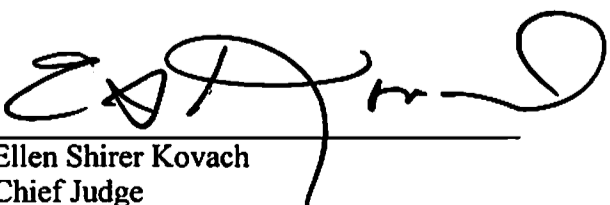
Considering that Governor John Bel Edwards has issued Proclamation 85 JBE 2021 effective May 14, 2021, which lifts the mask mandate and social distancing for fully vaccinated persons in certain situations, the Chief Judge acting on behalf of the Judges of the 24th Judicial District Court orders that:

1. In all common areas of the Thomas F. Donelon Building, including the entryway, elevators, hallways, stairwells and restrooms, the previously imposed mask mandate and social distancing requirement are hereby lifted for those who are fully vaccinated. Masks and social distancing shall be optional for those who are fully vaccinated. Individuals who have not been fully vaccinated shall continue to wear a mask over the nose and mouth.
2. In the courtrooms, safety protocols respecting facial covering and social distancing shall be observed at the discretion of the presiding judge, commissioner or hearing officer. Incarcerated defendants transported to court from the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center or other Department of Corrections facility shall be required to wear a mask and be socially distanced unless granted express permission by the presiding judge to remove facial covering to testify or for identification purposes.

All provisions of this Court's prior orders shall remain in place except as expressly modified herein. Adjustments to this Order, if necessary, will be posted on the Court's website (www.courtonline.us or www.24jdc.us), the Louisiana Supreme Court website (www.lasc.org), and in the news media.

Gretna, Louisiana this 17th day of May, 2021.

For the 24th Judicial District Court


Ellen Shirer Kovach
Chief Judge