

24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

Parish of Jefferson

State of Louisiana

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**ORDER 2021-007**

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**COVID ORDER – MASKS, PRISONER TRANSPORT,  
VIDEOCONFERENCING**

Considering the most recent COVID reports from the Louisiana Department of Health ([www.ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus)), the Chief Judge acting on behalf of the Judges of the 24th Judicial District Court HEREBY ORDERS THAT:

Continuing on Monday, August 2, 2021, masks covering the nose and mouth must be worn by all persons in the common areas of the Thomas. F. Donelon Courthouse, including but not limited to the courthouse lobby, the Henry G. Sullivan, Jr. Jury Assembly Room, elevators, hallways, and restrooms.

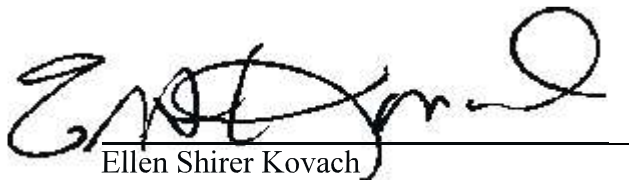
Beginning on Monday August 2, 2021, criminal matters, except for motions and trials, involving defendants housed at the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center (JPCC) shall proceed by videoconference absent good cause shown. In the case of motions or trial for defendants housed in JPCC, defendants will be rapid-tested for COVID and receive a negative result prior to transport to the Thomas F. Donelon Courthouse.

Beginning on Monday, August 2, 2021, in civil matters, judges are encouraged to handle matters remotely except for good cause shown. Requests for in person or videoconference proceedings shall be granted in the discretion of the presiding judge.

Adjustments to this Order, if necessary, will be posted on the Court's website ([www.courtonline.us](http://www.courtonline.us) or [www.24jdc.us](http://www.24jdc.us)), the Louisiana Supreme Court website ([www.lasc.org](http://www.lasc.org)), and in the news media.

Gretna, Louisiana this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

For the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

  
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Ellen Shirer Kovach  
Chief Judge