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Update for August 9, 2021

Justices, Judges, Circuit Court Clerks and Kentucky Court of Justice Personnel:

Announcing updates to Kentucky Court of Justice COVID-19 Health and Safety Requirements

The Supreme Court has approved amendments to two orders to address recent changes in CDC guidance and to delete outdated or obsolete provisions. [Administrative Order 2021-27](#), Health and Safety Requirements, replaces Administrative Order 2021-16 in its entirety. [Administrative Order 2021-28](#), Court Proceedings, replaces Administrative Order 2021-17 in its entirety.

The amended orders include the following changes:

Administrative Order 2021-27:

- Clarifies that use of masks or other facial coverings is strongly encouraged for all individuals, in compliance with current CDC guidelines;
- Clarifies that the Chief Circuit Judge, in consultation with the Chief District Judge and the Circuit Clerk, can mandate use of masks for an entire judicial facility;
- Updates list of individuals at high risk for COVID-19, per current CDC guidance;
- Updates and consolidates the list of quarantine/isolation requirements by referring to current CDC guidance; and
- Deletes outdated language regarding renewal of expired driver's licenses, permits, and identification cards.

Administrative Order 2021-28:

- Deletes obsolete language regarding grand juries and show cause dockets;
- Updates list of individuals at high risk for COVID-19, per current CDC guidance;
- Deletes language referring to the expired CDC moratorium on evictions.

As the Delta variant continues to spread across the Commonwealth, I encourage all of you to be vigilant in your personal and professional interactions to protect yourselves, your coworkers and the public from contracting COVID-19. I also encourage all KCOJ employees and elected officials to be vaccinated at one of the many convenient [vaccination locations](#) across the Commonwealth.

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