

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUPREME COURT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

O R D E R

Pursuant to its constitutional authority and powers of general superintendence over the New Hampshire court system, and upon consideration of the guidance of federal and state public health officials, the Supreme Court makes the following order in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Individuals entering State of New Hampshire courthouses and other Judicial Branch workplaces must wear face covers that cover the mouth and nose. This rule applies to all judicial and non-judicial staff whenever they are in hallways, common areas, shared work spaces, and other areas where more than one person may be present. This rule applies to litigants, lawyers, members of the media, and other members of the public in all areas of the facility. The Judicial Branch recommends that people use their own face coverings, but will provide face coverings for people who do not have their own. In the event that a member of the public declines to wear a mask, court security should alert the clerk's office to determine the nature of the person's business with the court.

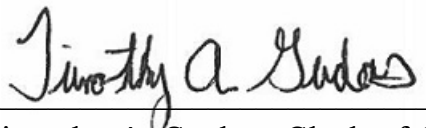
This rule does not apply to anyone for whom the wearing of a mask would be contrary to their health or safety. This rule applies to Sheriff Department employees providing security services in the courtrooms, clerks'

offices, and common areas of courthouses. The rule does not apply in the Sheriff Department's offices or the offices of other independent entities within courthouses.

People wearing face covers should still strive to maintain distancing of at least six feet from others.

This order, which shall remain in effect until revoked or amended, supersedes the May 4, 2020 order concerning face covers.

Issued: July 24, 2020

ATTEST: 
Timothy A. Gudas, Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of New Hampshire