
ORDER AMENDING COVID-19 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND AMENDMENTS

Whereas, on May 16, 2021, the United States Center for Disease Control declared “fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing”; and

Whereas, on May 21, 2021, the Wisconsin Supreme Court entered an Order: In re the Matter of the Modification of Circuit Court and Municipal Accommodations That Were Required Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Said Order states in part:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, the Court no longer requires that personal masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities be part of any plan for circuit court ... proceedings approved by the chief judge of the applicable judicial district. Instead, circuit courts..., with the approval of the applicable chief judge, shall make county-wide decisions about what is in the best interest of circuit court ... operations. This includes deciding whether or not to continue to require masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities on a county by county basis.

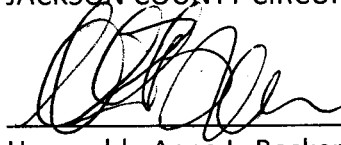
Whereas, the Circuit Court Judge, after considering recommendations of various stakeholders, has determined that it is in the best interest of the Jackson County Circuit Court to amend the existing COVID-19 Operational Plan as amended on February 25, 2021, as follows:

ALL PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING OPERATIONAL PLAN AND AMENDMENTS SHALL BE RESCINDED AND THE FOLLOWING POLICIES ADOPTED:

Effective Wednesday, June 9, 2021, masks and face coverings are no longer mandatory in the court facilities. Masks will be available at each entrance and in the courtroom upon request. Signs will be posted recommending that unvaccinated persons appearing in courtrooms, hearing rooms, or court related spaces wear masks. Hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes will also be available. Social distancing will no longer be required. There is no requirement that surfaces in court facilities be sanitized or wiped down, although supplies will be available upon request. Everyone should be respectful of others when making personal public health decisions. The hybrid model of in-person and remote hearings shall continue at the discretion of the presiding court official on a case by case basis. The presiding court official may implement specific protective measures if changing conditions are required for a specific proceeding.

Dated this 4 day of June, 2021.

JACKSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna L. Becker', written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Anna L. Becker