

## **Mask and Social Distancing Policy**

Based on updated CDC guidance defining “COVID-19 Community Levels,” and the CDC’s associated recommendations for preventative measures, the Court has **SUSPENDED ITS DISTRICTWIDE MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCING POLICY**. Masks are therefore **OPTIONAL** in all Divisions of the Court at this time.

Individuals that enter our Courthouses may, of course, elect to wear a mask based on their own personal preferences and risk tolerances, and any type of mask is permitted. For those individuals that feel more comfortable wearing a high-quality mask, but do not have one, the Court will provide a surgical mask or a KN-95 mask at Courthouse entrances and in Courtrooms, if supplies are available.

The suspension of the Districtwide mask and distancing requirements does not preclude a presiding judge from requiring masks or distancing in his or her courtroom should the judge determine that such safety measures are appropriate.

Individuals entering our Courthouses are reminded that the CDC strongly encourages all persons, even those living in places with a “Low” community level, to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine boosters.