

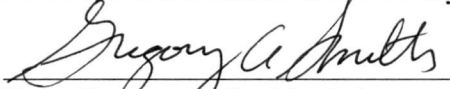
**IN THE DAVIESS CIRCUIT and SUPERIOR COURTS**  
**ORDER REVOKING THE MANDATE OF WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS**  
**IN THE DAVIESS COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND COURTROOMS**  
(MASKS ARE PERMITTED BUT NOT REQUIRED)

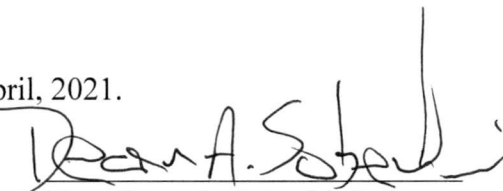
Come now the undersigned Judges of the Daviess Circuit and Superior Courts, and finds that Governor Holcomb has declared masks to be advisory effective April 6, 2021, except for: (1) K-12 schools through the end of the school year; (2) all State government buildings, COVID testing sites and vaccination sites; (3) and customers in restaurants, bars and nightclubs are no longer required to remain seated, but are required to maintain 6 feet of spacing. The Daviess County Health Department issued a release on March 30, 2021 indicating that Dr. Holsopple and the Daviess County Commissioners met and issued new guidelines that “County offices will not require masks for employees and visitors unless special circumstances arise beginning April 6, 2021. (e.g. large crowds that cannot social distance).” The Indiana Supreme Court in its November 10, 2020 Order in cause 20S-CB-123 has directed trial courts to comply with, and enforce, local and statewide public health orders as they relate to court facilities, staff, and proceedings and to review, in collaboration with local health department officials and county justice partners to determine the appropriate steps to follow regarding face coverings and other means to protect the public and staff.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that **on and after April 6, 2021** all persons entering the Daviess County Courthouse and the Circuit and Superior Courtrooms, are **no longer required to wear a mask or face covering**, but may do so, *unless* they can not maintain social distance due to crowd or group size, or can not keep plexiglass between one another, until further notice and Order of the Courts. Attorneys, witnesses, or litigants are encouraged (but not required) to remove mask or face covering when speaking or testifying in Court proceedings for recording purposes. Face coverings shall remain on when an individual is in a courtroom IF adequate social distance can not be maintained, and in court offices, public hallways, the elevator, stairwells or public restrooms. Paper masks will remain available on site at the security station, contingent on availability with the supply chain. Social distancing, use of hand sanitizer, and the placement of plexiglass dividers will continue to be required. Attorneys and litigants are encouraged to utilize remote proceedings with leave of the Court and notice until further Order of the Courts.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), the Daviess Circuit and Superior Courts will make all reasonable accommodations to ensure that individuals with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in all of the programs, services, activities and proceedings in the Daviess County Courts. The Judges of the Circuit and Superior Courts shall review this Order prior to July 1 , 2021.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 6 th day of April, 2021.

  
Hon. Gregory A. Smith, Judge  
Daviess Circuit Court

  
Hon. Dean A. Sobecki, Judge  
Daviess Superior Court