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COUNTY OF HARRIS

Marilyn Burgess
District Clerk

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Harris County, Texas

By A. Dozoler

## ORDER OF THE HARRIS COUNTY LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT JUDGE EXTENDING THE ORDER ON ADDITIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS JUNE 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2022

The Emergency Orders of the Texas Supreme Court confirm the judiciary's authority to take reasonable actions to avoid exposing court proceedings and participants to the threat of COVID-19. The Supreme Court's Orders acknowledge the judiciary's broad inherent authority to control orderly proceedings in courtrooms, as confirmed by the Texas Attorney General Opinion KP-0322. Court proceedings, including jury service and in-person attendance at hearings and other court settings, involve groups of people in reasonably close contact.

It is therefore ORDERED that all individuals in the courthouse shall comply with the COVID-19 Operating Plan.

In order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, it is ORDERED that all individuals while in a **COURTROOM** or **JURY ASSEMBLY** for a hearing, trial, jury selection or other court proceeding *must* wear a mask covering both the nose and mouth, unless exempted by the Court. Only the Local Administrative District Judge or the Chair of the Jury Committee for the Board of District Judges may provide an exemption from wearing masks in Jury Assembly.

It is also ordered that all individuals with symptoms, a positive test or exposure to someone with COVDI-19 *must* wear a mask covering both nose and mouth while in any of the locations affected by this Order.

All other individuals while in the **COURTHOUSE** are *strongly encouraged* to wear a mask that covers both the nose and mouth. In particular, all immunocompromised individuals, those at high risk for severe disease, or those who have a household member or social contact who is immunocompromised at high risk for severe disease are strongly encouraged to wear a mask while in the courthouse.

The courthouses affected by this order are:

- The Harris County Civil Courthouse, 201 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas;
- The Harris County Criminal Justice Center, 1201 Franklin Street, Houston, Texas;
- The Harris County Juvenile Justice Center, 1200 Congress Street, Houston, Texas;
- The Harris County Family Law Center, 1115 Congress Street, Houston, Texas;
- Any auxiliary courthouse; and
- Jury Assembly.

No masks are required if Harris County Public Threat Level is at Green.

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An individual who refuses to comply with this Order may be prohibited from entering or may be asked to leave a courtroom, an auxiliary courthouse or jury assembly.

This Order is effective on June 1, 2022 and remains in effect until August 1, 2022. This Order may be extended or modified.

Signed: June 1, 2022

The Honorable Latosha Lewis Payne Harris County Local Administrative District Judge

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I, Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk of Harris County, Texas certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original record filed and or recorded in my office, electronically or hard copy, as it appears on this date.

Witness my official hand and seal of office this June 2, 2022

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Marilyn Burgess, DISTRICT CLERK

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