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COUNTY OF HARRIS

## THRID AMENDED ORDER OF THE HARRIS COUNTY LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE EXTENDING THE ORDER ON ADDITIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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.

In order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, it is ordered that all individuals entering the following courthouses must wear a face covering that covers both the nose and mouth while in the public areas of:

- 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; and
- Any auxiliary courthouse, including but not limited to the jury assembly areas of NRG Arena, in NRG Park.

An individual who refuses to comply with this Order will prohibited from entering the courthouse.

This Order is effective on December 1, 2021 and remains in effect until February 1, 2022. This Order may be extended.

Signed: December 1, 2021

The Honorable Robert K. Schäffer Harris County Local Administrative 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 December 2, 2021

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Marilyn Burgess, DISTRICT CLERK

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