

## **50<sup>th</sup> District Court COVID-19 Face Mask Policy**

**Effective 12/7/21 (UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)**

It is the policy of the 50<sup>th</sup> District Court to take all precautions necessary to protect court users and employees from COVID-19 and to prevent the spread of the disease. Consistent with local governmental and health department orders/recommendations, recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, and previously issued directives, 50<sup>th</sup> District Court requires all persons including but not limited to employees, visitors, vendors or workers to wear multi layered face coverings or masks (herein "mask") at all times when using or accessing shared or communal spaces.

Six feet of physical distancing, often referred to as social distancing, remains important in slowing the spread of the COVID-19. **Even when physical distancing can be maintained, a mask is required as an additional public health measure to help prevent the spread of the virus from a person who may be carrying the virus but does not have symptoms.** Employees and others will be provided with appropriate face masks if they arrive without one of their own. Wearing the mask is one protective measure, and is not a substitute for physical distancing, regular hand washing and hand sanitizing, and additional cleaning protocols.

### **I. Examples of when masks are required include, but are not limited to:**

- When entering or exiting building
- When using or traveling through any common areas and shared spaces in the building, even if another person is not immediately visible or present in the space at that time:
- Restrooms
- Break rooms
- Elevators
- Conference rooms
- Libraries
- Hallways and corridors
- Shared workspaces and offices
- Private offices when more than one person is present