

IN RE: : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
: CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
MODIFICATIONS TO THE :  
COURT'S FUNCTIONS AND :  
ACCESS TO COURT FACILITIES :  
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2022 : CP-21-MD – 202 – 2020  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

AND NOW, this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY, 2022, in light of the rapid spread of the omicron variant of the coronavirus and to ensure that Common Pleas Judges, Magisterial District Judges and Hearing Officers of the 9<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District continue performing the Judicial District's essential functions as safely as possible, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED as follows:

1. All Judges, Magisterial District Judges, and Hearing Officers, when reasonably possible, shall do the following:
  - a. Utilize, and encourage litigants to utilize, to the fullest extent available, telephonic, video/audio devices and other advanced communication technology to reduce personal appearances for hearings, trials, meetings, conferences, and similar proceedings, or gatherings;
  - b. Stagger court appearance times to reduce crowding; and
  - c. Limit trials, hearings, meetings, conferences and other gatherings to essential participants and arrange seating to avoid unnecessary close personal contact;
  - d. Liberally grant requests for continuances.
2. Public Access to all Judicial Facilities in the 9<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District shall be subject to the masking policy set forth in the Order of December 17, 2021, and shall be limited as follows:

- a. Court and county employees, officials, and people with badge keycard credentials;
- b. Attorneys, litigants, witnesses, victims, and participants in judicial proceedings before the Court of Common Pleas, Magisterial District Court, or Hearing Officer (this does not include friends or family members of the above);
- c. Individuals with a *bona fide* business need before the Court, MDJ or Hearing Officer; and
- d. Members of the media.

It is further ORDERED that the Sheriff of Cumberland County, or his designee, is authorized to enforce this ORDER and bar individuals from the premises of any judicial facility. Individual MDJ's are authorized to retain Constables to enforce this order at their respective facilities.

3. This Administrative Order is effective, IMMEDIATELY and shall remain in effect until further Order of Court.

By the Court,



Edward E. Guido, P.J.

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