

IN THE 19th JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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**Amended Administrative Order
21-02**

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Order Revising COVID Protective Protocols in the 19th Judicial District

This order modifies Administrative Order No. 2020-1 issued by Chief Judge Nicholas M. St. Peter on June 10, 2021, in relation to protective protocols put in place due to COVID 19. These modifications are made in light of resurgent Delta strain of COVID-19

Issued on May 24, 2021, Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2021-PR-048 requires all district and appellate courts in Kansas to develop and follow minimum standard health protocols to avoid exposing court users, staff, and judicial officers to COVID-19.

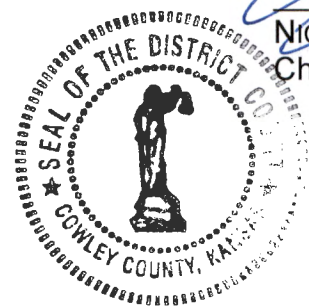
“The chief judge in each of the state’s 31 judicial districts is responsible for developing protocols for all courts within each district. Each district must have a COVID-19 screening and communication protocol, and the protocol must consider whether physical distancing and masking are necessary based on local health conditions.”

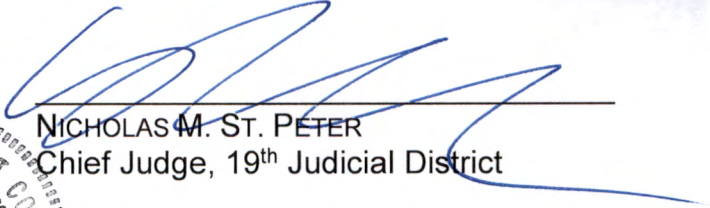
After considering guidance from The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the CDC and considering the percentage of positive COVID tests in the county the following order will be effective September 1, 2021.

1. All individuals – including employees – regardless of vaccination status are required to wear masks or other face coverings, in all common areas of district court including the clerk of the District Court office, hallways, and other spaces. Judges will retain the right to determine and direct the wearing of masks in their individual courtroom except to the extent that it involves jurors, in which case the approved Jury Trial Plan for the 19th Judicial District shall control.
2. Visitors and court staff shall continue to exercise social distance for their own health and safety and the health and safety of the public.
3. To the extent that this order does not specifically modify Administrative Order 21-01, the provisions of Administrative Order 21-01 shall control.
4. Signage consistent with this administrative order and signage regarding cleaning and safety protocols shall be posted in English, and Spanish and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

5. Pursuant to 2021-PR-048, a Visitor Alert notice should remain posted at all entrances to all court offices. Court security officers will continue to screen visitors who enter a designated court area, the screening shall exclude any visitor who feels sick, has been recently exposed to COVID-19, under a directive to remain quarantined due to exposure or has recently traveled to areas identified as requiring quarantine as per the directives of the Kansas State Department of Health and Environment.

Ordered this 31st day of August 2021.




NICHOLAS M. ST. PETER
Chief Judge, 19th Judicial District