

KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

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CLERK'S ALERT

Face Coverings Now Required at All Superior Court Locations

Effective June 8, 2020, face coverings are required at all King County Superior Court locations, unless exempted, per [Emergency Order 19](#). Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth. A mask will be provided to those who did not bring one.

Any person who is sick or in quarantine shall not enter any Superior Court locations.

A judicial officer may instruct an individual actively participating in a court proceeding to remove their face covering, if the judicial officer deems it necessary for clear communication and due process. Judicial officers will decide whether witnesses giving evidence in proceedings are exempted from wearing face coverings at the time they are testifying.

Pursuant to directives from King County Public Health, any child under the age of two is exempted from wearing a face covering, as is any child under the age of 12 unless parents and caregivers supervise their use of face coverings to avoid misuse. Also exempted are any individuals who are deaf and use facial and mouth movements to communicate, individuals who have been advised by a medical professional not to wear a face covering because it could pose a risk their health, and those who are unable to remove their own face coverings without assistance.

View Emergency Order 19 on the King County Superior Court Clerk's website:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk.aspx>.