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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR KING COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE BY  
KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN  
WASHINGTON STATE

No. 21-0-12050-3

**EMERGENCY ORDER #32 RE:  
PUBLIC HEALTH**

This matter comes before the Court on the public health emergency in Washington State.

This Order is based upon the Washington State Supreme Court's February 19, 2021 Order, the Washington State Labor and Industries (L&I) Guidance and Requirements, June 30, 2021<sup>1</sup>, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Order of the Secretary of Health Amending Order 20-03, June 29, 2021<sup>2</sup> and Governor Jay Inslee's remaining proclamations regarding the COVID-19 pandemic governing the effectiveness of certain laws. **All parties and persons are encouraged to monitor the King County Superior Court website at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court.aspx> for updates.**

**The Court Finds and Concludes as follows:**

1. On July 14, 2021, Washington State reached its goal of 70% vaccination rate. The President, Governor and Public Health Seattle-King County have dropped certain masking and social distancing mandates. Workplace rules continue to apply. Parts of

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F414-164-000.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Secretary\\_of\\_Health\\_Order\\_20-03\\_Statewide\\_Face\\_Coverings.pdf](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Secretary_of_Health_Order_20-03_Statewide_Face_Coverings.pdf)

1 King County have exceeded the goal of 70%. Parts of King County have not exceeded  
2 that goal.

- 3 2. Current L&I and DOH guidance and workplace rules state that people who are  
4 vaccinated are not required to wear masks or be socially distanced. Unvaccinated  
5 persons must wear masks in workplaces.
- 6 3. Many persons come to the King County Superior voluntarily, but many are required to  
7 come by need, by summons, by arrest, by subpoena, or other circumstances, or because  
8 their significant rights are at stake.
- 9 4. Some of these persons choose to be vaccinated and some do not. The Court must allow  
10 access to everyone who comes to court. The Court lacks the personnel to ask the  
11 general public who enter our courthouse locations whether or not they have been  
12 vaccinated.
- 13 5. Current information on variants is new, uncertain, and developing<sup>3</sup>. The Court  
14 continues to consult with professors from the University of Washington, School of  
15 Public Health. The Court makes all final public health decisions with respect to the  
16 operation of the Court and the Courthouses.

17 **IT IS ORDERED:**

- 18 1. All persons over the age of three entering the Maleng Regional Justice Center, the  
19 King County Courthouse, the Clark Children and Family Justice Center, or  
20 Harborview ITA Court on courthouse business, including anyone entering a  
21 courtroom, must wear a facial covering at all times regardless of vaccination status.  
22 Individuals who work in the courthouses shall follow their workplace rules when  
they are in private court offices, chambers, or non-public areas.
- 23 2. The Superior Court locations shall continue to use appropriate ventilation in all  
locations.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/data-tables/420-316-SequencingAndVariantsReport.pdf>

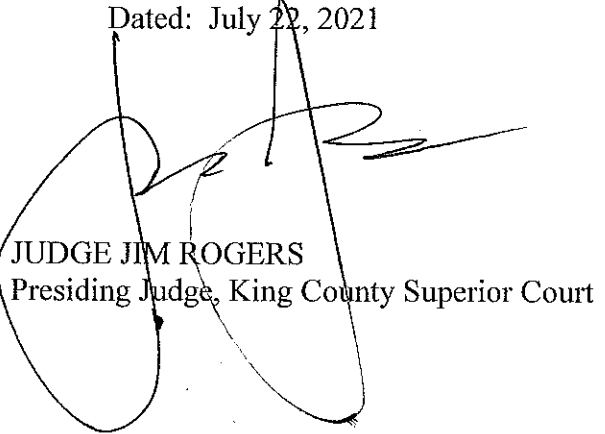
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- 3. At this time, empaneled juries shall not be placed all together in a jury room, although a jury panel may be placed in multiple jury rooms as implemented at the Maleng Regional Justice Center.
- 4. This Order shall be subject to revision at any time as the public health situation changes.

This Order supersedes Emergency Order #19.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: July 22, 2021



JUDGE JIM ROGERS  
Presiding Judge, King County Superior Court