

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO
PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISIONS**

IN THE MATTER OF:	:	
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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)	:	
OPERATIONAL POLICIES	:	MISCELLANEOUS ORDER
OF THE COMMON PLEAS COURT,	:	
PROBATE AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS	:	
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Whereas previous orders were issued on or about June 19, 2020, June 1, 2021, and August 26, 2021, mandating the wearing of masks in the Allen County Common Pleas Court, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, located at the David O. Steiner Juvenile Services Center at 1000 Wardhill Avenue, Lima, Ohio; the Allen County Juvenile Court Community Control Department, located at 529 South Elizabeth Street, Lima, Ohio; and the Allen County Juvenile Detention Center, located at 3050 North Cole Street, Lima, Ohio; by all persons not otherwise exempted; and

Whereas in examination of vaccination opportunities and a general decline in Covid-19 infection rates, persons using the Allen County Common Pleas Court, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, the Allen County Juvenile Court Community Control Department, and the Allen County Juvenile Detention Center have opportunities to voluntarily provide protection from infection for themselves and others;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the previously issued masking orders shall be rescinded and persons may enter the Allen County Common Pleas Court, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, the Allen County Juvenile Court Community Control Department, and the Allen County Juvenile Detention Center without facial coverings, effective as of February 22, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. EDT.

Any individual may voluntarily utilize a facial covering by their personal and voluntary choice.

All departments within the Allen County Common Pleas Court, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, to include, but not limited to, the Allen County Juvenile Court Community Control Department and the Allen County Juvenile Detention Center, shall have full authority to establish procedures and protocols within the confines of their individual departmental offices, even if such procedures may be more restrictive than this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

JUDGE TODD E. KOHLRIESER