

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Monday the 17th day of May, 2021.

**IN RE: AMENDMENT OF TWENTY-FIRST ORDER EXTENDING
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19
EMERGENCY**

Under the constitutional, statutory, and inherent authority of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Court unanimously AMENDS the *Twenty-First Order Extending Declaration of Judicial Emergency In Response To Covid-19 Emergency*, entered May 3, 2021 (Twenty-First Order), as follows:

Masks: All courts may follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Governor’s Executive Order(s), and the Virginia Department of Health, with respect to requiring employees, litigants, attorneys, and others present in the courthouse, to wear a mask covering the mouth and nose. Only those courts with a plan for restarting jury trials, as described in the Sixth and Seventh Orders Extending the Declaration of Judicial Emergency, approved by a panel of three Justices in consultation with the Office of the Executive Secretary, may conduct jury trials; however, restrictions related to masks included in approved plans may be modified without further review and approval by the panel if the chief judge or presiding judge determines that such modifications are safe and consistent with recommendations of the CDC, the Governor’s Executive Order(s), and Virginia Department of Health.

All courts and security personnel should continue to screen individuals entering the courthouse as recommended by the Virginia Department of Health.

This Amended Order shall be in effect from May 17, 2021, through May 30, 2021. The Declaration of Judicial Emergency may be extended for additional periods as provided in Va. Code § 17.1-330(E). It is so ORDERED.



(SEAL)

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia