

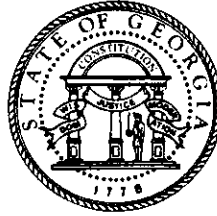
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Courthouse Security and Sheriffs in Southern Judicial Circuit  
Clerks of Court, Southern Judicial Circuit

**FROM:** Chief Judge Richard M. Cowart   
Judge James E. Hardy  
Judge Brian A. McDaniel  
Judge James L. Prine  
Judge Gregory A. Voyles

**DATE:** January 5, 2022

**RE:** Procedures for the Southern Judicial Circuit -  
**COVID-19 - Mask Requirement**

Effective immediately, the face mask requirement previously instituted by this Court and recently amended, will be **REINSTATED**. All employees, attorneys, witnesses, spectators, and visitors entering the courthouses in the circuit will be required to wear a mask even if they have been fully vaccinated. This direction is in compliance with the guidelines of the CDC.

All employees, attorneys, witnesses, spectators, and visitors should still maintain social distancing in each courtroom and all common areas of the courthouse.

During jury trials all attorneys, witnesses, parties, and spectators who are attending court shall be screened before entering the Courthouse or Judicial Annex, including taking temperatures as previously implemented.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with these procedures.

All judges concur.

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