

IN THE SEATAC MUNICIPAL COURT
SEATAC, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGES TO THE MASK)
MANDATE AND CONTINUING RESPONSE) ORDER NO. 22-02
TO THE HEALTH THREAT POSED BY COVID 19)
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THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is being issued in response to changes to the Washington State mask mandate. Effective March 11, 2022, at 11:59pm, the State indoor mask mandate ended. The City of SeaTac ended the City mandate as well.

WHEREAS, currently, all SeaTac Municipal Court hearings are held virtually with the exception of jury trials. On April 4, 2022, the Court will begin hearing other types of hearings in-person as well.

WHEREAS, while the transmission rate of COVID 19 is dropping, it continues to pose a danger of infection with the potential of life-threatening consequences for those infected.

WHEREAS, individuals appearing in SeaTac Municipal Court are not required to be vaccinated or show proof of a negative COVID test. Court hearings and trials can take longer than 15 minutes, people may potentially be in proximity for a long period of time.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered:

All individuals attending SeaTac Municipal Court in person are required to wear a face covering while in the courtroom and jury room. Those under two (2) years of age, or with a documented precluding health condition or disability are not required to wear a face covering. Face coverings may be temporarily removed as needed for effective communication, for example while testifying.

The common areas of SeaTac City Hall are beyond the jurisdiction of this Court, and people coming to court should follow the City's rules and regulations which, currently, do not require masking.

Given the limited number of people in the court clerks' office and judge's chambers, masks will be encouraged while in the common areas but are not required.

This order will be effective through April 14, 2022, unless extended or modified based on public health guidance and statistics.

Entered this day, March 14, 2022.



Judge Pauline Freund
Presiding Judge SeaTac Municipal Court