

**In the Franklin County Municipal Court
Columbus, Ohio**

Administrative Order Number: 12-2021

Effective: Forthwith

The Franklin County Municipal Court makes the following Findings of Fact:


- I. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that persons aged two or older who are not vaccinated¹ against COVID-19 should wear a mask in indoor public places.
- II. For persons that are vaccinated² against COVID-19, and who are in “an area of substantial or high transmission,” the CDC recommends wearing masks in indoor public places “[t]o maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others.”
- III. As of August 5, 2021, CDC data reflects³ that Franklin County, Ohio, has “substantial” transmission of the COVID-19 virus.
- IV. On August 5, 2021, the Franklin County Public Health and Columbus Public Health departments issued advisories recommending that all residents of Franklin County and the City of Columbus wear masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Franklin County Municipal Court issues the following orders which are intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Individuals not wearing a face covering that will offer protection against the spread of the COVID-19 virus shall not be admitted into the Franklin County Municipal Court.
2. All individuals admitted into the Franklin County Municipal Court shall wear a face covering while inside.

8.5.21
Date



Judge Ted Barrows
Administrative and Presiding Judge

¹ U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *You Guide to Masks*, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html> (accessed Aug. 5, 2021).

² U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *When You've Been Fully Vaccinated*, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html> (accessed Aug. 5, 2021).

³ U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Level of Community Transmission in Franklin County, Ohio*, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view> (accessed Aug. 5, 2021).