

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING WEARING OF FACE MASKS AND
SOCIAL DISTANCING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**

(A.O. - E5)

The Circuit Court for Montgomery County continues to closely monitor state and local responses to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and follow guidance provided by state and local public health agencies and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC having advised people to take precautions, and having noted that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure to the virus, and for good cause found, it is this 15th day of April, 2020, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland

ORDERED, that effective on April 20, 2020, all persons entering the Circuit Court for Montgomery County shall wear a face mask, scarf, or other device covering their nose and mouth, and it is further

ORDERED, that such mask, scarf or device must be continuously worn by those persons during the time they are in the courthouse, and it is further

ORDERED, that this Administrative Order shall not apply to Sheriffs and other courthouse employees, except that non-Sheriff courthouse employees must wear a mask and latex gloves when delivering files, mail, or transacting other business throughout the courthouse, and during all court proceedings, and it is further

ORDERED, that non-Sheriff courthouse employees who are asymptomatic and not sharing an individual office space with another person, or who can maintain a distance of 12 feet from co-employees even though sharing an office, may remove their mask or face covering while in such office, and it is further

ORDERED, that no person may ride on an elevator containing other persons, unless all persons are wearing a face mask, scarf, or other device, and it is further

ORDERED, that before any non-courthouse employee is admitted to the building, he or she shall consent to a thermal thermometer check conducted by a Sheriff, and is barred from entry if he or she declines to consent, or a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or more is detected, and it is further

ORDERED, that the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is authorized to deny admission or remove any person from the courthouse who is not in compliance with any of the terms of this Order.

ROBERT A. GREENBERG
Administrative Judge of the
Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland