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***Summit County Common Pleas Court General Division  
Plan for Addressing COVID-19 – Updated September 10, 2021***

Summit County, Ohio: Judge Amy Corrigan Jones, Administrative Judge of the Summit County Common Pleas Court General Division, announced in a continued effort to be proactive, the Court has issued an Order effective through October 8, 2021.

Based on current Covid-19 cases, current positivity rates, CDC recommendations, local public health recommendations and the present Summit County public health setting, the current General Division Order maintains the courts obligation to protect staff and the community while maintaining daily operations. The Order in its entirety can be found at <https://www.summitcpcourt.net/>. Modified portions of the recent Order include:

As of September 9, 2021, there were 7,897 new COVID-19 cases reported to the Ohio Department of Health. Ohio's positivity rate is 13.3%.

On September 9, 2021, President Biden announced that employers with more than 100 employees shall require them to be vaccinated or test for the virus weekly.

All individuals entering the building shall wear a mask and shall wear a mask while present in any courtroom, public space, conference room, or other space that is considered to be confined, as determined by the Administrative Judge. Employees may remove masks when alone in their private office/cubicle.

This requirement applies at all times, including, but not limited to, all jury trials, unless requested by an individual judge and authorized by the administrative judge. Violations shall be reported to the Court Executive Office and will be addressed forthwith.

Individuals and employees entering the courthouse are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19.

Corrigan Jones said these actions have been taken as a proactive approach out of concern for the well-being of the employees and public. "In an effort to protect our employees and the public, we will continue to limit the number of people coming into this courthouse," Corrigan Jones said. "The courthouse continues with its daily operations utilizing technology and innovative ideas to still provide access to justice in the General Division," concluded Corrigan Jones.

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