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UTAH COURTS ISSUE NEW PANDEMIC ORDER

Salt Lake City, Utah — Utah Supreme Court Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant has issued an order¹ requiring patrons and court personnel to wear a mask if the court is located in a county that has been designated as a moderate or high transmission index county by the Utah Department of Health, beginning July 30, 2021. The mask mandate is not in effect in courts located in low transmission index counties.

The Chief Justice's order is in response to the most recent recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the sharp increase in Utah cases of the Delta variant, and the increasing number of individuals who are compelled to come to court now that in-person hearings and jury trials have resumed. Throughout the pandemic, the Utah Judiciary has consistently focused on the safety of court patrons and personnel. The courts will continue that focus while also monitoring developments of the pandemic, vaccination rates, and the advice of health experts.

¹ <https://www.utcourts.gov/alerts/docs/20210728%20-%20Pandemic%20Administrative%20Order.pdf>

Any member of the public who has a question about court operations during the pandemic should consult the Utah Court website at <https://www.utcourts.gov>, which includes Covid-19 information and alerts.

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