

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF LEBANON
LINN COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY)
) AMENDED
) GENERAL ORDER
) No. 2020-04

TEMPORARY GENERAL ORDER Re: COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY/PROTECTIVE
FACE COVERINGS

On June 29, 2020, Governor Kate Brown issued an order requiring all Oregonians to wear protective face masks or face coverings whenever in public indoor spaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted to the presiding Judge of the City of Lebanon Municipal Court, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. All persons over the age of two years entering the courtroom, court offices or in hallways and lobby areas of the Lebanon Municipal Court are required to wear a protective face covering. Only the defendant listed on the citation or other order requiring appearance should enter the courtroom. One support person will be allowed as necessary.
2. The Judge may authorize any person participating in a trial or proceeding to temporarily remove a protective face covering to facilitate communications as the judge deems appropriate under the circumstances.
3. Court employees who are working in an area where at least 6-foot distancing may be maintained may be authorized to temporarily remove a protective face covering while working in that area. Employees are required to use a protective face covering whenever 6-foot distancing is not possible to maintain.
4. Any person seeking to enter the courtroom or court offices without using a protective face covering because of disability, respiratory or other health-related issues, or otherwise for good cause shown, may request a medical exemption from the judge for relief from the requirement to wear a protective face covering. Person requesting a medical exemption must do so **prior** to entering the courtroom or court offices and **must** be supported by medical documentation. Persons seeking a medical exemption may also request to appear

electronically.

5. The judge presiding over a trial or other proceeding may, in the judge's sole discretion decline to wear a protective face covering as necessary to facilitate communications as the judge deems appropriate under the circumstances.

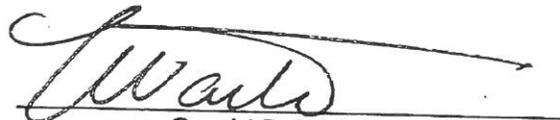
6. The court will provide appropriate protective face coverings subject to availability.

7. The term "protective face covering" means a covering of the nose and mouth of an individual to protect against the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

8. **Failure to appear in court due to failure and/or refusal to wear a protective face covering will be deemed a FAILURE TO APPEAR which may result in consequences including drivers's license suspension, finding of guilt by default, warrant for arrest and/or citation for contempt of court.**

9. This General Order is entered based upon the order of the Oregon Governor entered June 29, 2020 requiring the use of protective face coverings in all public indoor spaces and upon the information concerning the risks of spread of the COVID-19 virus which is currently available to the court. This order may be revised or modified as further information becomes available. This Amended General Order is effective on July 10, 2020 and will remain in effect until revised, modified or vacated by order of the court.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2020.


Gerald D. Waite
Lebanon Municipal Court