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## **SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CHANGES MASK MANDATE**

Beginning Monday, February 28, 2022, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit will no longer require masks or face coverings when conducting business in Kane County Courthouses. Individuals may still choose to wear masks, but pursuant to an amended court order issued by the Supreme Court of Illinois (M.R. 30370), and Sixteenth Judicial Circuit General Order 22-04, mask wearing will no longer be required.

Chief Judge Clint Hull said of the change, “Even though the mask mandate is lifted, people still choosing to wear a mask or face covering while in court may be directed to remove it by a judge if they are testifying.” He went on say, “We continue to move through the pandemic with an abundance of caution while still allowing access to justice. A majority of our courtrooms remain Zoom-friendly, allowing court-goers to attend court from their homes.”

The following pandemic protocols remain in effect for individuals conducting business in courthouses and entry to a courthouse may be denied if individuals have:

- New flu-like symptoms
- Directed to quarantine by a health provider or public health official
- Reside or have close contact with a person currently subject to a quarantine directed by a medical provider and are not they themselves fully vaccinated

Further orders may be issued, as necessary, to address the changing circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic.

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