

1 portion of such visitors in those communities access to court facilities to conduct in-person Court
2 System related business.

3 The court locations outside Sitka, Juneau, and Ketchikan in the First Judicial
4 District are not grand jury sites. And criminal jury trials remain suspended statewide until July
5 6, 2020, and civil jury trials for the foreseeable future, per Chief Justice Order No. 8144 and the
6 Third Presiding Judges' Statewide COVID-19 Pandemic Administrative Order. Visitors are now
7 allowed to attend court proceedings in-person per the Third Presiding Judges' Statewide
8 COVID-19 Pandemic Administrative Order if a timely request is made and the judicial officer
9 finds that good cause for such attendance has been shown. It reasonably appears that there will
10 be few, if any, in-person court proceedings on or before June 15, 2020 in the court locations in
11 the First Judicial District outside Ketchikan, Juneau, and Sitka, though there will likely be some
12 in-person court proceeding attendance thereafter.

14 It reasonably appears, given the above and all of the steps that the Alaska Court
15 System has taken to allow people to conduct business with the Court System by telephone, fax,
16 email, video, and otherwise on-line, that the number of visitors to court facilities, particularly
17 outside Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan, is relatively small.

18 The Alaska Court System has policies and procedures for required social
19 distancing in court facilities and which require that court personnel dealing with the public wear
20 a face covering or mask under certain circumstances.

22 The undersigned, based on the foregoing and per section 10 of the Precautions
23 Order, here orders that the Precautions Order face covering or mask requirements is in effect in
24 court facilities in Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan. The face covering or mask requirement is not in
25 effect for visitors to the other First Judicial District courts who are not attending a court

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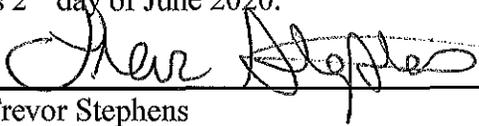
1 proceeding in-person until June 15, 2020, or until the court receives its supply of face
2 coverings/masks at that court facility, whichever occurs first. If a court facility has not received
3 its supply by June 15, 2020, the Clerk of Court shall promptly inform the undersigned.

4 If there is a timely request for in-person attendance by a visitor at a court
5 proceeding scheduled on or before June 15, 2020 at a court facility in the First Judicial District
6 other than in Sitka, Juneau, or Ketchikan and prior to that court facility receiving its supply of
7 face coverings/masks, the judicial officer presiding over the case may condition the requested in-
8 person attendance on the visitor(s) wearing a face covering or mask that complies with the
9 Precautions Order, and the judicial officer may also choose to exercise the authority provided the
10 judicial officer by section 5 of Chief Justice Order No. 8149.

11 So long as the Precautions Order remains in effect the Clerks of Court in the First
12 Judicial District shall regularly monitor the supply of face coverings/masks at their court location
13 and promptly order additional supplies as necessary so that there is always an adequate supply on
14 hand.
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16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

17 Dated at Ketchikan, Alaska this 2nd day of June 2020.

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19 Trevor Stephens
20 Presiding Judge
First Judicial District

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