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RE: Emergency Amendment to A.O. 49 (28th Amendment)

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PROMULGATED EMERGENCY RULE AMENDMENT

[AO 49 Amendment - Declaration of Judicial Emergency and Changes to Court Procedures 1-05-22](#)

This Order was promulgated on **January 5, 2022, effective immediately.**

Paragraph 7 of Administrative Order 49 is amended concerning access to judiciary buildings. Under the existing language of ¶ 7(a), the Court Administrator has authority to issue directives regulating entry to and conduct in judiciary buildings for judiciary employees, court users, and other court visitors based on the most-recent public-health guidance. Given the emergence of more contagious strains of the COVID-19 virus, this amendment indicates that where the Court Administrator has required use of a mask, there is a preference for N95, KN95, or KF94 masks, which may provide greater protection from infection. The Court Administrator's directive regarding health screening and safety protocols is available on the Judiciary website.

<https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/sites/default/files/documents/Administrative%20Directive%20PG-13%20Amended%20Sept%201%202021.pdf>

The full text of Administrative Order 49 and other updates regarding COVID-19 and court operations are available at [<https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/about-vermont-judiciary/covid-19-and-court-operations>]