

**STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT SUPREME COURT
JANUARY TERM, 2022**

Order Promulgating Amendment to Administrative Order No. 49

Pursuant to the Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, § 30 and Administrative Order No. 48, it is hereby ordered:

1. That ¶ 7(a) of Administrative Order No. 49 be amended to read as follows (new matter underlined):

7. Access to Court Buildings:

- a. Court Administrator Directives: As reasonably necessary to mitigate risk to the health of court users or court personnel, the Court Administrator is authorized to issue directives regarding entry to and conduct in Judiciary buildings including requirements relating to screening, social distancing, and masks. In all instances where a mask is required by the Court Administrator’s directive, there is a preference for an N95, KN95, or KF94 mask that covers the nose and mouth.

Explanatory Note—January 5, 2022 Amendment

The Court Administrator retains the authority under ¶ 7 to direct what conduct is required 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>

2. That this order is effective immediately, and extends until March 1, 2022, unless extended by order of this Court.
3. That the Chief Justice is authorized to report this order to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of 12 V.S.A. § 1, as amended.

Done in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont this 5th day of January 2022.



Signed by the Vermont Supreme Court

Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice

Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice

William D. Cohen, Associate Justice