

IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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RE:

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
COUNTY OF HUGHES) SS

IN CIRCUIT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN RE THE ADMINISTRATION OF)
THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)
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ORDER APPROVING
ORDER REQUIRING THE WEARING
OF FACE COVERINGS AS PART OF
COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

By the Court's Order of March 13, 2020, Declaring Judicial Emergency COVID-19 Disease the South Dakota Supreme Court declared the existence of a judicial emergency pursuant to SDCL 16-3- 11 through 15 and pursuant to the Court's authority to administer justice and to ensure the safety of court personnel, litigants and the public, it is

ORDERED that the attached Sixth Judicial Circuit Order Requiring the Wearing of Face Coverings as Part of COVID-19 Pandemic Response dated September 27, 2020, be and they are hereby approved in its entirety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota this 30th day of September, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Clerk of the Supreme Court
(SEAL)

[Signature]
David Gilbertson, Chief Justice

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Pursuant to the South Dakota Supreme Court's Order Declaring Judicial Emergency Covid-19 Disease dated March 13, 2020, and the Sixth Circuit Third Amended COVID-19 Procedures adopted pursuant thereto, the Court hereby issues the following ORDER to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in response to a recent surge of COVID-19 cases statewide and within the Sixth Circuit. It is hereby

ORDERED that all persons within any courtroom, jury room, court office, or adjacent common area in the Sixth Judicial Circuit shall wear a mask, scarf, bandana, or other cloth over the nose and mouth. It is further

ORDERED that nothing in this Order requires court employees to wear facial coverings within their offices if they are not in close contact with others, as defined by the South Dakota Department of Health. It is further

ORDERED that the judge presiding over a proceeding may, for good cause, grant any individual in the courtroom an exception to this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the Presiding Judge may, for good cause, grant any Unified Judicial System employee, not covered in the preceding paragraph, an exception to this Order.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



BOBBI J. RANK
Circuit Court Judge