

Dear Judges and Judicial Branch employees,

On Monday, April 20th, you received an email from me regarding Executive Order No. 7BB, requiring all of us to wear face coverings whenever we are in public and close contact is unavoidable. The information below provides more clarity on when and where employees and judges should be wearing face coverings.

Governor Lamont's April 20th letter directs all state employees to wear face coverings when working outside of their homes in areas where social distancing will be difficult, unless doing so would be contrary to their health or safety due to a medical condition. In workplace settings with acceptable social distancing, employees and judges working alone in a segregated space (such as cubicles with walls, private offices, etc.) may remove their mask or face covering for the time they remain alone in the segregated space. Employees and judges are expected to wear a mask or face covering from the time they enter the building until the time they arrive at their cubicle/work station and at any time they are leaving their work station and moving around common areas (i.e. in hallways and stairwells, going to the restroom or break room, etc.)

I hope that this additional information is helpful.

Judge Patrick L. Carroll III