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Judge Donald E. Scaglione's
Courtroom Safety Guidelines and Requirements

In order to ensure the safety of those required to be in the courtroom, the following restrictions apply to Donald E. Scaglione Division's Procedure.

1. Limitations on Visitors: Effective June 1, 2020, only the following visitors are permitted to enter the courtroom: 1) persons whose presence is essential to a proceeding (attorneys, litigants, court reporters, court interpreters, victims, witnesses, etc.), 2) members of the media.
2. Masks: Effective June 1, 2020, all persons entering the courtroom shall wear a mask or facial covering and continue to wear masks while in any common area of the courtroom. Masks must remain on inside of the courtrooms unless directed otherwise by the presiding judge for the purposes of creating a clear record, identification, or other reasons deemed necessary. In the event a party or attorney appearing in a courtroom fails to wear a mask, the presiding judge, in his or her discretion, may reset the matter.

Criminal Defense attorneys, including the Public Defender and ORCC, are responsible for ensuring that their out-of-custody clients and staff appear at the courthouse with a mask or facial covering. The Sheriff is responsible for ensuring that in-custody defendants appear in the courtroom with a mask or facial covering. The State Attorney is responsible for ensuring that their staff and any victims or witnesses subpoenaed by the State appear in the courtroom with a mask or facial covering. The Clerk is responsible for ensuring that any of its customers, including jurors, appear in the courtroom with a mask or facial covering.

3. Courtroom Limitations: The maximum amount of persons, including the judge and court staff, allowed in a courtroom at any given time is limited to twenty (20) persons.
4. Social Distancing: All persons inside the courtroom must make every effort to stay at least six feet away from any other person. to effectuate social distancing there will be social distancing stickers placed on the floor throughout the courthouses where court users may gather. Individual judges should ensure that all persons in their courtrooms are social distancing to the maximum extent feasible.
5. Scheduling: In-person hearing times must be sufficiently staggered so as to prevent crowding.