

## **South Central Judicial District Mask and Social Distancing Order: June 1, 2021**

The Court is fully operational using a mix of remote hearings and socially distanced in person court appearances.

The CDC/ND DOH guidelines currently indicate fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear a mask or social distance in most settings, unless the setting is a crowded indoor setting such as planes and buses.

Jury trials without social distancing would equate with a crowded indoor setting and masks would be required for all under this guidance.

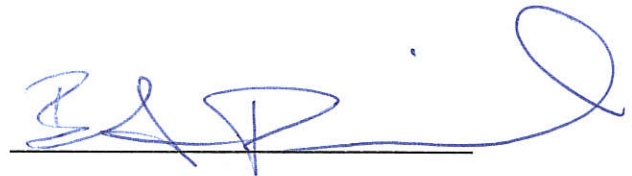
ND DOH currently indicates 45.1% of North Dakotans are vaccinated.

With the preceding information the SCJD will continue to operate with a mix of remote and socially distanced in person hearings.

Jury Trials will be held with all persons maintaining a socially distance position during the trial, face masks will be encouraged for all, and fully vaccinated individuals may remove their face masks with the court's permission.

In person court trials will also require parties to remain socially distant and wear face masks unless fully vaccinated.

Each judge may modify these requirements as that particular judge deems appropriate for unforeseen circumstances in their given courtroom and situation at the time of the trial or hearing.



Bruce A. Romanick, Presiding Judge