## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ROCKDALE COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Courthouse Common Area

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Date: February 28, 2022

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## FIFTH AMENDED ORDER REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR WEARING MASKS WHILE IN THE COMMON AREAS OF THE ROCKDALE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 38-3-61 and 38-3-51 and based on the updated guidance of the CDC regarding the wearing of facial masks and coverings under the current status of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, this Court's Order of December 20, 2021, requiring all persons entering the Rockdale County Courthouse for any reason to wear a facial mask or covering at all times while in the common area(s) of the Rockdale County Courthouse, is amended as follows:

**EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2022**, the following provisions shall apply to any person or persons entering the common area(s) of the Rockdale County Courthouse.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person or persons entering the common area(s) of the Rockdale County Courthouse are no longer required to wear a mask. However, while the wearing of masks in the common area(s) is no longer mandated, it is recommended that all individuals who enter the common area(s) of the courthouse continue to wear masks for the protection of themselves and other individuals.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall remain in effect until further Order of the Court. Should the nature of the emergency, including changes in the CDC guidelines,

otherwise require modification by the Court, the Court will make a determination of available alternative remedies for the conduct of court business, as necessary, and a corresponding Order will be entered and distributed in accordance with Georgia law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff of Rockdale County shall post this Order on his public notification site and in the Courthouse.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be served on the Honorable Chief Justice David E. Nahmias of the Supreme Court of Georgia. Such service to be accomplished via email to Tee Barnes, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, at <a href="mailto:barnest@gasupreme.us">barnest@gasupreme.us</a>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be served on the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within this jurisdiction and on the clerks of the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court, such service to be accomplished through reasonable means to assure expeditious receipt, and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that notice of issuance of this Order shall be given to the affected parties, counsel for the affected parties and the public.

SO ORDERED this 28th day of Ebruay, 20 22, at 10:00 Conyers, Georgia.

Robert F. Mumford, Chief Judge Rockdale County Superior Court,

Rockdale Judicial Circuit