

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF KOSCIUSKO)

KOSCIUSKO CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR COURTS

**JURY TRIALS DURING COVID-19- PERSONAL PROTECTIVE
EQUIPMENT ORDER AND ENFORCEMENT**

In light of possible media attention and public interest in upcoming jury trials, the Court is establishing certain rules of conduct and guidelines for decorum for persons involved in the trial, for those observing the trial, jury members, and also for the media. It is the Court's intent to be in compliance with CDC guidelines and Supreme Court guidelines as it pertains to COVID-19 compliance.

The Court has taken multiple steps to provide social distancing, where possible, as well as reasonable sanitation of all areas. Court staff, attorneys and other personnel (i.e. security and screening personnel) are recommended to wear face masks when and if appropriate to allow for the recording equipment to be fully functional and still comply with CDC guidelines if and when possible. All jury members will wear face masks, unless speaking (due to recording issues) or when given specific instructions by the Judge. Parties will be encouraged to wear face masks. The Court, reserves the right at any time, to make changes to this Order as the trial proceeds. The Court, through its security staff, will limit seating available in the Courtroom to stay in compliance under the guidelines.



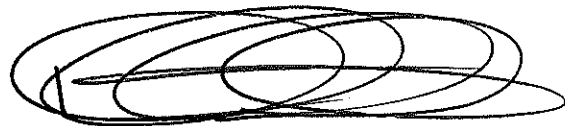
The purpose of this Order is to secure the parties' Constitutional Right to a fair and impartial jury trial; to permit the public to exercise its First Amendment right of access to criminal and civil proceedings; to protect the identity and privacy of jurors; to protect jurors, witnesses, and parties from unnecessary commotion, confusion, or influence; and to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Court reserves the right to enforce this Order by any means deemed necessary.

ORDERED this 30th day of June, 2020.



Michael W. Reed, Judge
Kosciusko Circuit Court


Torrey J. Bauer, Judge
Kosciusko Superior Court No. 2
Christopher D. Kehler, Judge
Kosciusko Superior Court No. 4

David C. Cates, Judge
Kosciusko Superior Court No. 1



Joe V. Sutton, Judge
Kosciusko Superior Court No. 3