

**New Philadelphia Municipal Court
Revised COVID-19 Policy
Effective February 28, 2022**

The Court recognizes that COVID-19 variants continue to spread in our community. However, overall cases in Tuscarawas County and Ohio continue to decline.

Therefore, face masks are not required for anyone entering the courthouse, regardless of vaccination status, effective Monday, February 28, 2022. Anyone who chooses to wear a face mask may do so. Bailiffs may require mask removal for security reasons.

Everyone must self-assess for symptoms of respiratory illness and follow current CDC/ODH guidelines. This includes employees, attorneys, legal staff, law enforcement, defendants, and all other parties and visitors in the courthouse. **The Judge or Magistrate may require masks in the courtrooms at any time that social distancing cannot be achieved, including Jury Trials.**

Anyone with developing or active symptoms of upper respiratory illness or COVID-19 should not enter the building. Court staff may require anyone exhibiting symptoms to leave the building. Contact your attorney or the Clerk's office if you need to reschedule a hearing.

Social distancing, regular hand washing, and hand and surface sanitizing will continue to be enforced.