



Emmet County News Release

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57th Circuit Court Announces Changes to Court Operations

On June 21, 2021, the Michigan Supreme Court advanced all courts to Phase 4 of the Return to Full Capacity. In response, and pursuant to updated guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and in accordance with the recommendation of local public health officials, the 57th Circuit Court is able to increase in-person access to court operations.

Under Phase 4, Judges retain discretion regarding the use of masks in the courtroom, in accordance with local public health guidelines. The Court will follow the Emmet County Building policy and therefore health screenings, masks or face coverings are no longer required for entry in the courtrooms. There may be instances where masks will be required. The Court will provide masks in specific cases to protect persons at an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 or those persons that are a household member of a vulnerable adult. Any person desiring to wear a mask shall be allowed to do so.

Permanent protective measures have been implemented, including hand-sanitizing stations, protective shielding, and physical barriers within certain court areas.

Hearings may still be conducted via Zoom. Please refer to the Court's [Remote Participation Policy](#) and [Addendum to Remote Participation Policy](#) for specific guidelines.

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For questions or additional information, please contact the 57th Circuit Court Administrator at (231) 348-1741.