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14 May 2021

Circ. 6 of 2021

FURTHER DE-ESCALATION OF COVID-19 MEASURES

Further to Circular 5 of 2021 and following Public Health advice, the Chief Justice has today issued Practice Direction 2 of 2021 (appended to this Circular).

With effect from Monday 17 May 2021 the following should be noted:

1. The use of face masks in courtrooms will no longer be mandatory although their use is encouraged.
2. Air conditioning will be in use in all our courtrooms.
3. The position with Court Dress reverts to that set out in Circular 5 of 2014.
4. Social distancing and hand sanitising measures remain in place.

The position continues to be under constant review.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GIBRALTAR
AND IN THE MAGISTRATES' COURT
AND IN THE CORONER'S COURT

PRACTICE DIRECTION (FACE MASKS)
PRACTICE DIRECTION 2 of 2021

It is ordered as follows –

1. The following direction in relation to face masks in court, whether in public or private, will come into operation on the 17 May 2021.
2. Practice Direction (Face Masks) which came into operation on the 19 April 2021, and hereinafter referred to as Practice Direction 1 of 2021, ceases to have effect on the 17 May 2021.
3. Save where the relevant Judge, Presiding Magistrate or Coroner considers for good reason that a face mask should be worn in particular proceedings, all those present in courtrooms do not need to wear face masks.
4. Any person who wishes to wear a face mask may choose to wear one save that the relevant Judge, Presiding Magistrate or Coroner may require, for good reason, that a face mask should not be worn by a person either during the whole or part of the proceedings.
5. Jurors need not wear face masks whilst in their retiring room except if required to do so by the Judge or Coroner in a particular case or instance.
6. A general requirement for some or all those present in courtrooms and jury retiring rooms to wear face masks, and any conditions and exceptions thereto, may be



introduced at any time upon circulation of a Notice issued by the CEO of the Gibraltar Courts Service on the direction of the Chief Justice.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Dudley
Chief Justice