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COUNTY OF FANNIN

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ORDER OF THE FANNIN COUNTY LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS UPON ENTERING THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX SOUTH ANNEX

The Covid 19 positivity rate has increased in Fannin County for the third consecutive week.

This new influx of cases is largely due to the highly transmissible Delta variant. Aside from vaccinations, the Center for Disease Control and our local health authority advise that wearing face coverings is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of the virus.

Therefore, by authority of the Texas Supreme Court's 40th Emergency Order and as described in Attorney General Opinion KP-0322, it is HEREBY ORDERED that all persons must wear face coverings when entering the Fannin County Courts, to include the South Annex housing the 336th District Court and Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, and the Justices of the Peace Precinct 2 and Precinct 3 buildings as well as the County Court at Law facility. Each individual court judge should implement this order to the best of their ability and as always consider each circumstance on a case-by-case basis. This measure is taken in an effort to reduce the spread of the Covid 19 while allowing court business to continue. This order will take effect immediately.

Signed, Entered and Ordered this the 2nd Day of August, 2021.

Laurine J. Blake

Judge of the 336th District Court and Local Administrative Judge for the

Fannin County Courts