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**TERRI HOLLINGSWORTH  
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**IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE OF PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

**ORDER NO. 2021-194**

**IN THE MATTER OF PULASKI COUNTY'S  
CONTINUING RESPONSE TO COVID-19  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

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**WHEREAS**, since March of 2020, COVID-19 has affected the way that Pulaski County Government conducts its business and delivers services to citizens.

**WHEREAS**, Executive Orders have been entered over the last year and a half in response to the presence of COVID in our county to set forth restrictions on entry into and remaining within county facilities. Those restrictions have been modified over time in response to the circumstances at the time and in consultation with public health officials, including but not limited to the Arkansas Department of Health.

**WHEREAS**, medical experts have consistently recommended that a combination of a COVID vaccine and properly wearing a mask to guard against exposure to and the significant negative health impacts of COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, the pandemic novel virus COVID-19 has continued its spread across the nation, including Arkansas and Pulaski County, and while numbers fell significantly this spring, the Delta variant of COVID-19 has resulted in exponential growth of the number of confirmed positive cases.

**WHEREAS**, hospitals across the south are at or near capacity and COVID is causing an unsustainable strain on hospitals already struggling to staff their facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barry Hyde, as Pulaski County Judge, by the authority vested in me by the Arkansas Constitution and laws of the State of Arkansas, as chief executive of Pulaski County, promulgate the following Executive Order in continued response to the pandemic novel virus COVID-19, effective upon filing:

The declared state of public health emergency shall continue and is renewed and this order shall continue in effect through October 3, 2021.

The following restrictions are imposed as a requirement of entry into any county building:

Before entry, all person without a Human Resources Department-issued wristband are subject to temperature checks and will be refused entry if their temperature is 100.4° F or higher.

Persons wearing the HR-issued wristband, demonstrating voluntary participation in HR's program of confirmed vaccinated status, must wear a mask at any time that they are not physically distanced from unvaccinated person by at least six (6) feet. If a person wears the HR-issued wristband, and maintains separation from other persons of six (6) feet or more, that person may remove their mask in and about county facilities.

All other persons must wear masks at all times in county facilities.

Physical distancing of at least six (6) feet is strongly encouraged for all persons in county facilities.

County services and county-supported services remain available to the public. Pulaski County continues to encourage the public and county-paid personnel to conduct business with or between the County and Courts digitally, by phone, email, online, or video conference and to utilize the digital tools implemented in response to COVID-19 to the extent that such use expands access to county and county-supported services.

Courtrooms and associated offices are exempt from this order and instead are subject to the restrictions, if any, imposed by the presiding Judge.

Voters entering county facilities are not required, as a condition on participation in an election, to wear a mask or other facecovering; however, the County Board of Election Commissioners is strongly encouraged to give all due consideration to the seriousness of COVID and to accommodate unmasked voters in a way that best protects the health and safety of election workers, county employees, and other voters.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



**BARRY HYDE, PULASKI COUNTY  
JUDGE/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**