Bar News – New COVID Protocols Eff. July 6

New Courthouse COVID Protocols Effective July 6

The Judiciary has announced new Courthouse COVID protocols for Vermont state courthouses, effective Tuesday, July 6.

Attached please find a message of July 1 from CAO Pat Gabel to the Judiciary, generally explaining the protocols. (There was a delay with making the announcement to the bar because of overlapping vacation leaves, for which CAO Gabel has expressed her regret.)

Here’s a [LINK](https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/sites/default/files/documents/Administrative%20Directive%20PG-13%20Amended%20July%201%20FINAL%20.pdf) to Amended Administrative Directive PG -13 dated July 1, 2021, detailing the protocols and including information about masks, social distancing, and health screening questions.

Here’s a [LINK](https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/about-vermont-judiciary/covid-19-and-court-operations)  to information available to the public on the Judiciary website regarding the protocols, including a list of  Vermont courthouses not currently open to the public. Persons who have questions about their cases are encouraged to contact their attorney or to call the Judiciary Information Center at 802-652-1900.

Lastly, here’s a [LINK](https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/news/starting-july-6-vermont-judiciary-opens-most-courts-general-public) to a press release about the new protocols that the Judiciary released on July 2.

Questions about the new protocols should be directed to court personnel at the affected courthouse. Below is a listing of court email addresses. If you email a court unit, you’re asked to include the case number in the subject line.

Addison Unit – [JUD.AddisonUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.AddisonUnit@vermont.gov)

Bennington Unit – [JUD.BenningtonUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.BenningtonUnit@vermont.gov)

Caledonia Unit – [JUD.CaledoniaEssexUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.CaledoniaEssexUnit@vermont.gov)

Chittenden Unit – [JUD.ChittendenUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.ChittendenUnit@vermont.gov)

Environmental Division – [JUD.EnvironmentalDivision@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.EnvironmentalDivision@vermont.gov)

Essex Unit – [JUD.CaledoniaEssexUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.CaledoniaEssexUnit@vermont.gov)

Franklin Unit – [jud.franklingrandisleunit@vermont.gov](mailto:jud.franklingrandisleunit@vermont.gov)

Grand Isle Unit – [jud.franklingrandisleunit@vermont.gov](mailto:jud.franklingrandisleunit@vermont.gov)

Judicial Bureau – [JUD.VJB@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.VJB@vermont.gov)

Lamoille Unit – [JUD.LamoilleUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.LamoilleUnit@vermont.gov)

Orange Unit – [JUD.OrangeUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.OrangeUnit@vermont.gov)

Orleans Unit – [JUD.OrleansUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.OrleansUnit@vermont.gov)

Rutland Unit – [JUD.RutlandUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.RutlandUnit@vermont.gov)

Supreme Court – [JUD.SupremeCourt@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.SupremeCourt@vermont.gov)

Washington Unit – [JUD.WashingtonUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.WashingtonUnit@vermont.gov)

Windham Unit – [JUD.WindhamUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.WindhamUnit@vermont.gov)

Windsor Unit – [JUD.WindsorUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:JUD.WindsorUnit@vermont.gov)