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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Based upon current COVID19 trends and recent guidance from the Genesee County Health Department, the Genesee County Circuit and Probate Courts have adopted the following restrictions, effective immediately:

- Face coverings will be required to enter the Courthouse, irrespective of vaccination status, and must be worn in all courtrooms, public offices and other spaces. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- Masks will be available for a limited period of time, on an as needed basis.
- Employees will be required to wear a face mask unless located in a private office. A KN95 mask is strongly recommended.
- The court has relocated 50% of juvenile records staff and 50% of the probate clerk staff to temporary workstations. This action reduces density of personnel in these areas.
- Judges will work with their offices to develop a plan emphasizing the ability to continue with courtroom and judicial assignments in a manner consistent with the health and welfare of both judicial staff and the public.
- Courtroom operations will continue to maximize remote participation.