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**MEMORANDUM**  
**UPDATED OMVH HEARING PROCEDURES**  
**COVID-19**  
**May 25, 2021**

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In the OMVH Administrative Office lobby area, vaccinated individuals will not be required to wear a mask.

In the Columbia hearing room, unless otherwise ordered by the hearing officer, the following rules apply:

- Legal counsel (or a pro se litigant) and witnesses will not be required to wear a mask during the hearing while they are testifying or addressing the bench regardless of whether they are vaccinated or not.
- Fully vaccinated individuals (as defined by the CDC) attending the hearing will not be required to wear a mask.
- Unvaccinated individuals will continue to be required to wear a mask.

In all other hearing locations, the COVID precautions of the location will be in place in the building at large; provided, however, that the presiding hearing officer may require masks in the hearing room regardless of vaccination status or the rules of the location.