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Lily Sharpe, State Court Administrator  
Wyoming Supreme Court  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
2301 Capitol Ave  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Ms. Sharpe:

Statewide Public Health Order #4 requires persons 12 years of age and older to wear a face covering in the public areas of certain spaces, including state, county, and municipal government facilities, with certain exceptions.

Recognizing the unique nature of courtroom proceedings, including the importance of viewing the face of a witness during testimony, as the State Health Officer, I am granting the following exception to Statewide Public Health Order #4 for municipal, circuit, and district courts for Wyoming:

A face covering is not required in a court proceeding where the individual is seated and physically distanced at least six feet from others and with permission of the court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alexia Harrist".

Alexia Harrist, MD, Ph.D  
State Health Officer  
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