

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

No. 6:21-cv-00191

**State of Texas et al.,**  
*Plaintiffs,*

v.

**Chiquita Brooks-LaSure et al.,**  
*Defendants.*

**ORDER ON HEARING PROTOCOLS**

The following protocols apply to the August 17, 2021 hearing absent modification, which any party shall request no later than August 12, 2021. Notice of these protocols will be posted by the U.S. Marshal at a prominent location at each public entrance to the courthouse and at the courtroom doors.

**COVID-19 hearing protocols**

1. *Face-mask requirement.* Every person must wear a face mask that completely covers the person's nose and mouth while in any area of the courthouse being used for this proceeding or for assembly or transit incident to this proceeding.
2. *Face-mask exemption for vaccination.* The face-mask requirement does not apply to any person who has completed full vaccination for COVID-19.
  - a. Completion of full vaccination occurs two weeks after the person's second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine.
  - b. The court may require proof of vaccination status and penalize dishonesty if needed, but the honor system will apply for this exemption as an initial matter.
3. *Attendance.* Any person diagnosed with active COVID-19 illness or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 illness should not participate in this proceeding.

*So ordered by the court on August 10, 2021.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Campbell Barker", is written over a horizontal line.

J. CAMPBELL BARKER  
United States District Judge