# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

#### **August 19, 2022**

## IN RE: CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY ORDER CONCERNING FACE MASKS/COVERINGS IN PUBLIC AREAS OF COURTHOUSES

#### **FOURTH AMENDED ORDER**

This Fourth Amended Order pertains to the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse located at 219 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL, and the Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse located at 327 S. Church Street, Rockford, IL. The court hereby amends its order regarding face coverings as follows.

#### **Jury Proceedings**

All persons participating in a jury trial, including prospective jurors, other than witnesses while testifying or attorneys while questioning witnesses, are required to wear a face mask/covering.

### Courthouse Visitors and Employees Not Participating in a Jury Trial

Employees and visitors that are not participating in a jury trial are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face covering.

### **Mask Requirements**

When required, as set forth in this order, a face covering or mask must always completely conceal the wearer's nose and mouth.

Masks may be either manufactured or homemade and should be a solid piece of material without slits, exhalation valves, or punctures. A face shield and/or goggles may be used in addition to an acceptable mask, but a face shield (with or without goggles), bandana, or neck gaiter will not count as a face covering.

A visitor who seeks entry into the courthouse without a mask and is required to wear a mask pursuant to this order will be offered a free disposable mask at the security screening station if they need to enter the courthouse.

The only exceptions to the mask requirement are for persons who provide documentation that they are unable for medical reasons to wear a face covering and those under two years of age.

### **Penalty for Violations**

Any person found to have violated this Order may be held in contempt of court, cited, and/or expelled from the courthouses until an order of the Chief District Judge, upon petition, reinstates access to the courthouses.

This Order is in effect until further order of the Court.

**ENTER:** 

FOR THE COURT:

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer Chief Judge

United States District Court Northern District of Illinois

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 19th day of August 2022