

## Court Information Release



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### **Joint Courthouse Order Requires Face Masks to be Worn in All Public Areas of Dirksen and Roszkowski U.S. Courthouses**

On May 27, 2020, Chief Judge Diane P. Wood, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, issued [\*In Re: Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Emergency Order Concerning Face Masks/Coverings in Public Areas of Courthouses.\*](#)

The Order states that effective immediately, all persons seeking entry to or occupying the Dirksen and Roszkowski U.S. Courthouses must wear a face covering or mask in the public areas of the courthouses including the lobby, elevator banks, restrooms, public corridors, and unless excused by the presiding judge, courtrooms. The only persons excepted from this requirement are those who provide documentation that they are unable, for medical reasons, to wear a face covering.

The Order further states that any visitor seeking entry without a mask will be offered a free disposable mask at the security screening station if they do not have a mask and need to enter the courthouse.

The Order also states that 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 Circuit or District Judge, upon petition, reinstates access to the Courthouses.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other health authorities have advised entities to take precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19, including the use of face coverings or masks in public settings.

Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse is located at 219 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL, and the Stanley J. Roszkowski U.S. Courthouse is located at 327 S. Church Street, Rockford, IL.

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