

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**July 30, 2021**

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

**THIRD AMENDED ORDER**

This Third 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued amended recommendations concerning the use of face masks in public settings. In response to revised CDC guidance, the court hereby amends its order regarding face coverings as follows.

**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 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.

**Members of the Public**

All persons seeking entry to or occupying the courthouses must wear a face covering or mask in the public areas of the courthouses. This includes the lobby, elevator banks, restrooms, public corridors, and, unless excused by the presiding judge, courtrooms.

**Courtroom Proceedings**

All persons in the courtroom, other than witnesses while testifying, will be required to abide by the face mask requirements.

**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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rebecca R. Pallmeyer", written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Illinois

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 30th day of July 2021