

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

August 21, 2022

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

FIFTH AMENDED ORDER

This Fifth 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.

In-custody criminal defendants are required to wear a face covering or mask while present in the courthouse.

In individual courtroom proceedings other than jury trials, the presiding judge may, at the judge's discretion, direct that face coverings be worn. In such situations, the court will communicate the requirement to participants and will furnish masks upon request for persons who do not have them.

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.

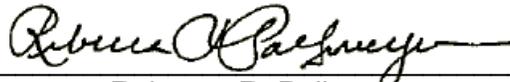
Penalty for Violations

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.

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FOR THE COURT:



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

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 21st day of August 2022