

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:

General Order No. 2021-16

FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS IN PUBLIC  
AREAS OF COURTHOUSES DUE TO  
COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONAVIRUS

GENERAL ORDER

This Order SUPPLEMENTS General Order 2020-05, General Order 2020-06, General Order 2020-07, General Order 2020-08, General Order 2020-10, General Order 2020-14B, General Order 2020-18, General Order 2020-20, General Order 2020-29, General Order 2020-32, General Order 2020-35, General Order 2020-39, General Order 2021-03, General Order 2021-04, and General Order 2021-10. To the extent this Order differs from those Orders, this Order supersedes and replaces those Orders.

The Court continues to monitor the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States of America and specifically within the Northern District of Indiana (NDIN). The Court continues to consider guidance from a variety of sources including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as federal, state, and local public health authorities. It is necessary to institute a revised policy on the use of face coverings or masks for individuals entering the courthouses.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective immediately, all persons seeking entry to or occupying the courthouses of this District must wear a face covering or mask in the public areas of the courthouses; this includes the lobby, elevator banks, restrooms, public corridors, publicly accessible areas of space occupied by tenants of the NDIN courthouses and, unless excused by the presiding judge, courtrooms. The face covering or mask must always completely conceal the wearer's nose and mouth. Employees and contractors of tenants of the NDIN courthouses who are fully vaccinated, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, are not required to wear masks while they are within the space occupied by their employing agency unless an employee is interacting with members of the public in which case they are required to wear a mask. The only persons excepted from this requirement are those who provide documentation that they are unable, for medical reasons, to wear a face covering or mask.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED 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 Judge, upon petition, reinstates access to the courthouses.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is in effect until further order of the Court.

Dated this 24th day of May 2021.

/s/ Jon E. DeGuilio  
Jon E. DeGuilio, Chief Judge

/s/ William C. Lee  
William C. Lee, Judge

/s/ James T. Moody  
James T. Moody, Judge

/s/ Robert L. Miller, Jr.  
Robert L. Miller, Jr., Judge

/s/ Philip P. Simon  
Philip P. Simon, Judge

/s/ Theresa L. Springmann  
Theresa L. Springmann, Judge

/s/ Joseph S. Van Bokkelen  
Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, Judge

/s/ Holly A. Brady  
Holly A. Brady, Judge

/s/ Damon R. Leichty  
Damon R. Leichty, Judge