

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:

General Order No. 2021-23

FACE MASKS REQUIRED FOR ANY PERSON
ENTERING A COURTHOUSE LOCATED IN A
COUNTY THAT HAS A HIGH OR SUBSTANTIAL
RATE OF COVID-19 INFECTIONS

GENERAL ORDER

This Order SUPPLEMENTS General Orders 2021-16 and 2021-20.

This Order is in response to current data regarding COVID-19 infection rates, and in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local public-health authorities. The CDC is now recommending that all persons, including fully vaccinated individuals, should wear masks in public indoor settings in areas of high or substantial rates of COVID-19 transmission.

The Court has determined that if a courthouse located within the Northern District of Indiana is within a county that has a high or substantial transmission rate of COVID-19 as determined by the CDC (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>), all persons entering or occupying the courthouse must wear a face covering or mask in the public areas.

IT IS ORDERED that if a courthouse is located within a county that has a high or substantial transmission rate of COVID-19 as determined by the CDC, any person seeking entry to or occupying the courthouse must wear a face covering or mask in the public areas of the courthouse; this includes the lobby, elevator banks, restrooms, public corridors, publicly accessible areas of space occupied by tenants of the courthouse and, unless excused by the presiding judge, courtrooms. The face covering or mask must always completely conceal the wearer's nose and mouth. 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. GSA and the Facility Security Committee for each courthouse will monitor the transmission rate through the CDC and advise when it meets the standard for high or substantial transmission and take appropriate action.

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 2nd day of August 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