

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE
SEVENTH CIRCUIT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

February 18, 2021

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

AMENDED ORDER

This 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) and other public-health authorities have advised entities to take precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19, including recommending the use of face coverings or masks in public settings.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective immediately, 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. The face covering or mask must always completely conceal the wearer's nose and mouth. If the wearer is an employee working in a private office or workspace that allows at least six feet of physical distance from other persons, the wearer may temporarily remove the face covering or 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 and those under two years of age.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that masks may be either manufactured or homemade and should be a solid piece of material without slits, exhalation valves, or punctures. A face shield, bandana, or neck gaiter alone does not count as a face covering. A face shield and/or goggles may be used in addition to an acceptable mask, but by themselves do not substitute for the use of a mask.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any visitor seeking 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.

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 Circuit or District Judge, upon petition, reinstates access to the courthouses.

This Order is in effect until further order of the Court.



Diane S. Sykes, Chief Judge
United States Court of Appeals
Seventh Circuit



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