

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:

General Order No. 2021-20

NO FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS REQUIRED FOR  
VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS IN PUBLIC  
AREAS OF COURTHOUSES

GENERAL ORDER

This Order SUPPLEMENTS General Order 2021-16.

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. Based on the most recent information, the Court concludes that individuals who have received the COVID-19 vaccine have a reduced risk of transmitting the disease. As a result, for vaccinated individuals only, the requirement to wear a face covering or mask is no longer necessary.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective immediately, any person entering or occupying a courthouse of this District is not required to wear a face covering or mask if that person is fully vaccinated, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

This Order does not impact or change the findings made in General Order 2021-19, General Order 2020-08, General Order 2020-07 and General Order 2020-05 regarding the use of video conferencing or telephone conferencing in criminal proceedings through September 12, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all non-vaccinated 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. 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 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