UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN RE:	)	
	)	**STANDING ORDER**
Use of Face Coverings or Masks in	)	
Courthouses due to	)	Misc. No.
Coronavirus (COVID-19).	)	
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ORDER

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have advised taking 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, any district courthouse, must wear a face covering or mask (the mask). The mask must completely conceal the wearer's nose and mouth at all times. During a court proceeding, the mask may be removed when the wearer is speaking for the record and at least six feet physical distancing is observed. If the wearer is a court employee who is alone in a private office or workspace, which permits at least six feet physical distancing from other persons, the wearer may temporarily remove the mask.

Any person seeking entry to the courthouse without a mask will be provided a mask by the Court. If the Court is unable to provide a mask for any reason, the visitor will be asked to contact by telephone the office to be visited to explore alternatives to entering the Courthouse; and it is further

ORDERED that the United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court Security Officers

shall enforce this Order and deny entry to those individuals not wearing a mask.

May 19, 2020

R. Bryan Harwell
Chief United States District Judge