

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN RE:)	
)	AMENDED STANDING ORDER
Use of Face Coverings or Masks in)	
Courthouses due to)	Misc. No. 3:21-00336-RBH
Coronavirus (COVID-19))	
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AMENDED ORDER

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 a face covering or mask (mask) in public settings by unvaccinated individuals. The court acknowledges the recent CDC guidance no longer recommending the use of a mask for vaccinated individuals. However, regardless of vaccination status, the court continues to require the use of a mask by any person seeking entry to, or occupying, public space in any district courthouse. The mask must completely conceal the wearer’s nose and mouth at all times. During court proceedings, presiding judges shall have discretion to establish the masking policy in their courtrooms.

District and magistrate judges shall have discretion to establish the masking policy for their chambers. Vaccinated clerk’s office staff and employees of other federal agencies and their contractors are not required to wear a mask while in private courthouse offices and workspace, excluding chambers. Unvaccinated clerk’s staff may temporarily remove their mask while alone in a private office or workspace, which permits at least six feet physical distancing from other persons.

Any person seeking entry to public space in 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 public space in the courthouse.

The United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court Security Officers shall enforce this Order and deny entry to public space in the courthouse to those individuals not wearing a mask.

June 4, 2021



R. Bryan Harwell
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Chief United States District Judge