

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN RE:)	
)	THIRD AMENDED STANDING ORDER
Use of Face Coverings or Masks in)	
Courthouses due to)	Misc. No. 3:22-mc-00167-RBH
Coronavirus (COVID-19).)	
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THIRD AMENDED ORDER

Due to the continuing and evolving COVID-19 national public health emergency, but improving circumstance with the availability and accessibility of the COVID-19 vaccine, the Court finds it appropriate to amend the August 4, 2021 Second Amended Standing Order (see Misc. No. 3:21-mc-00336-RBH). Therefore, effective immediately:

(1) **VISITORS**: All visitors seeking entry to any district courthouse must wear a face covering or mask. Any visitor 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. Once visitors have reached their destination within the courthouse, Judicial Officers, in their discretion, may modify the mask requirement in their courtrooms and chambers, and the Clerk of Court may modify the mask requirement in the Clerk’s Office.

(2) **COURT EMPLOYEES**: The Court suspends the requirement that court employees wear facial coverings or masks to gain admittance to the courthouses. Masks are optional for court employees within the courthouses, except when required by Judicial Officers and the Clerk


of Court in their respective courtrooms, chambers, and offices.

(3) **NON-COURT EMPLOYEES**: With respect to non-court personnel (e.g., GSA and CSOs) employed in agencies within the courthouses, masking shall be determined by their respective employing offices, except when required by Judicial Officers and the Clerk of Court in their respective courtrooms, chambers, and offices.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 21, 2022



R. Bryan Harwell
Chief United States District Judge