

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
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IN RE:

USE OF FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS
IN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY
COURT DUE TO COVID-19,

**OPERATING
ORDER 20-10**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Carolina continues to monitor the severity of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, including directives from executive orders issued by the President of the United States and Governor of South Carolina, as well as guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities advise taking precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease, including recommending the use of face coverings or masks in public settings. In order to protect public health, it is hereby:

ORDERED that, effective immediately, all persons seeking entry to, or occupying the United States Bankruptcy Court public or private spaces in Columbia, Charleston, or Spartanburg¹ (“Bankruptcy Court”) 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 of physical distance is observed. If the wearer is a court employee who is in a private office or workspace, which permits adequate physical distance or barriers from other persons, the wearer may temporarily remove the mask.

¹ The Donald Stuart Russell Federal Courthouse in Spartanburg is also governed by the District Court’s Standing Order regarding the *Use of Face Coverings or Masks in Courthouses due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)*. Misc. No. 3:20-mc-00176-RBH, filed May 19, 2020, and any amendments thereto. In the case of any inconsistency, the District Court’s Standing Order shall govern that location.

Any visitor seeking entry to the Bankruptcy Court 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 Clerk's Office to explore alternatives for entry; 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.

AGREED AND ORDERED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY 2020.

/s/ Helen E. Burris
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

/s/ John E. Waites
United States Bankruptcy Judge

/s/ David R. Duncan
United States Bankruptcy Judge