

PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

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INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (June 12, 2020): Following a meeting and with the majority vote of the Facility Security Committees for the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse, the Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse, the Winfield K. Denton Federal Building and United States Courthouse, and the Terre Haute Federal Courthouse, Chief Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson today issued a General Order that requires entrants and occupants of said courthouses to wear face coverings.

Please read the [General Order](#) for specific details. The face covering must fully cover the wearer's nose and mouth, and all occupants of courtrooms must wear face coverings, unless excused by the presiding judge. Any visitor seeking entry to a courthouse without a face covering will be offered a disposable mask free of charge at the security screening checkpoint, provided they have a need to and are otherwise permitted to enter the courthouse. Any person seeking entry to a courthouse who refuses to wear a face covering will be denied entry to the courthouse, and any person found to have violated this Order may be held in contempt of court, cited, and/or expelled from the courthouse.

An exception to this Order may be made for any person providing documentation that he or she is unable, for medical reasons, to wear a face covering.

Individuals who are unwilling to wear a face covering will be directed to signage with contact information for each agency in the courthouse. Individuals may contact that agency directly to make whatever arrangements are needed to allow that person to complete their business.

The courthouses remain closed to the public, with the exceptions enumerated in the General Orders issued on [June 5, 2020](#), and [May 20, 2020](#). The screening and other requirements set forth in General Orders issued on [March 20, 2020](#), and May 20, 2020, and any other General Orders issued by the Court remain in effect.

The Court has created a [COVID-19 response page on its website](#) that contains all orders, press releases, and other information regarding Court operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.