

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:  
FACE COVERINGS IN COURTHOUSES UNDER  
THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED  
BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONAVIRUS

## GENERAL ORDER

Due to the threat to public health and safety currently posed by COVID-19 and the related coronavirus, the Centers for Disease Control and other public health and governmental authorities have advised individuals and entities to take precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19, including recommending the wearing of face coverings in public settings. Upon consideration of this public health guidance, 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 find that it is necessary to require entrants and occupants of all courthouses in the Southern District of Indiana to wear face coverings.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that, effective immediately and until further order of the Court,

1. All persons seeking entry to or occupying any federal courthouse in the Southern District of Indiana must wear a face covering which completely covers the wearer's nose and mouth in all public spaces.
2. If the wearer is employed by a federal agency that occupies any of the federal courthouses of the Southern District of Indiana, the wearer may temporarily remove his or her face covering while in the space leased by that agency only while at his or her workstation, provided that the workstation permits social distancing

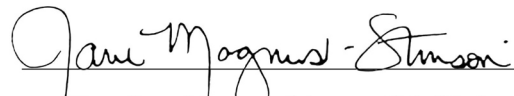
of at least six feet from others, and in other situations permitted by the wearer's agency.

3. An exception to this Order may be made for a person providing documentation that he or she is unable, for medical reasons, to wear a face covering.
4. This Order applies to all occupants of courtrooms, unless excused by the presiding judge when necessary to the effective administration of a proceeding.
5. 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 if they have a need to and are otherwise permitted to enter the courthouse.
6. Any person seeking entry to a courthouse who refuses to wear a face covering will be denied entry to the courthouse.
7. Any person found to have violated this Order may be held in contempt of court, cited, and/or expelled from the courthouse.
8. This Order **does not supersede** any prior order of this Court concerning Court operations or public access to courthouses. Those orders remain in full force and effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

For the Court,

Date: 6/12/2020

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Magnus-Stinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Hon. Jane Magnus-Stinson, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Indiana