



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of Minnesota

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Courthouse
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Minneapolis, MN 55415
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Suite 417
Duluth, MN 55802
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NEWS RELEASE

United States District Court for the District of Minnesota COVID-19 Update – Face Mask Requirement

Minneapolis, MN – Effective May 18, 2020, any person, including building tenants, vendors, contractors, litigants, attorneys, and members of the public, entering a U.S. Courthouse in the District of Minnesota must wear a mask or face covering. Visitors will be offered a mask or face covering by a Court Security Officer (CSO) or Protective Security Officer (PSO) if they do not have one available. Entry to the building will not be permitted without a mask or face covering except for the following:

- a. The requirement to wear a mask or face covering does not apply to persons who are under the age of 2, any person who has trouble breathing, or any person who is otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- b. Persons who are entering the Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse and Customhouse in Duluth, Minnesota, to conduct business with the U.S. Postal Service must follow current U.S. Postal Service guidance concerning the use of facial masks and coverings.
- c. Masks or face coverings need not be worn in private work areas or in a courtroom if appropriate social distancing can be maintained at all times.

The Administrative Order regarding masks and face coverings can be found here: https://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/sites/mnd/files/2020-0515_Administrative-Order-RE-Masks-or-Covering-in-Courthouse.pdf.

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