

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

**IN RE: USE OF MASKS OR
COVERINGS IN U.S. COURTHOUSES
IN THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

1. Any person, including building tenants, vendors, contractors, litigants, attorneys, and members of the public, entering a U.S. Courthouse located in the District of Minnesota must wear a mask or face covering.
 - a. Entry to a U.S. Courthouse in the District of Minnesota will not be permitted without a mask or face covering.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Masks must be worn in all public spaces and common areas within the Courthouses, including all courtrooms.
 - d. Unvaccinated individuals must wear their mask at all times in any space within a U.S. courthouse in the District of Minnesota.
 - e. This requirement will be in place until the Court has determined that removing the mask requirement will not adversely impact court operations.

2. The following exceptions apply to this order:
 - 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 cannot use a mask or face covering without assistance.
 - b. If you are fully vaccinated, masks or face coverings need not be worn in private work areas or in a courtroom when authorized by the presiding judge. Please note that, regardless of vaccination status, masks must be

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worn at all times during court proceedings that involve in-custody defendants.

- c. Any non-court tenant may impose its own mask policy to apply to those who work within or visit its space within a U.S. Courthouse in the District of Minnesota.

This order vacates the order regarding Use of Masks or Coverings in Public Areas of a U.S. Courthouse entered on May 24, 2021. This order takes effect on September 3, 2021 and will remain in effect until further notice.

Dated in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.



JOHN R. TUNHEIM

Chief Judge

United States District Court