

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

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MASKS IN COURTHOUSE

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MISC. NO. 00-308

STANDING ORDER 2022-03

After discussion with the Court's consulting epidemiologist, the Court now finds it appropriate to amend its mandate requiring the wearing of masks in all U.S. Courthouses in this District. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland that, effective immediately, all persons occupying any courtroom in this District must wear a KN-95, N-95, surgical, or other appropriate mask¹ that completely conceals the wearer's nose and mouth, unless otherwise directed by the presiding judicial officer. Additionally, all prospective jurors must also wear such a mask whenever present in one of the Court's Jury Assembly Rooms; and it is further

ORDERED that, other than in the locations described above, the wearing of a mask in any public area of a U.S. Courthouse or Probation Office in this District is optional, although strongly encouraged; and it is further

ORDERED that the United States Marshal, his Deputies, the Court Security Officers, or a designated contractor, shall enforce compliance with this requirement and shall provide any person seeking to enter a U.S. Courthouse in this District with an appropriate mask if they enter without one; and it is further

ORDERED that all prior Standing Orders of this Court regarding the wearing of masks in this District are hereby SUPERSEDED.

Date: September 29, 2022

/s/ JAMES K. BREDAR
James K. Bredar, Chief Judge
United States District Court

¹ A cloth mask is acceptable only if utilized in conjunction with an approved mask or an insert equivalent to an approved mask.