

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

IN RE:

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY THE OUTBREAK
OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING ENTRANCE PROTOCOLS

In response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) throughout the United States, public health authorities at the national, state and local level continue to advise that precautions be taken to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and the spread of the disease. These steps are particularly necessary given that individuals may be infected and capable of transmitting the disease to other people despite being asymptomatic. And, among the suggested precautions to limit the risk of spreading the virus to other people is that individuals wear face masks when in public.

Therefore, in order to promote public health and to protect the health of employees and visitors to the courthouses in this District, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Employees and other members of the Court staff shall wear a mask or face covering when in the common or public areas of the courthouse. Masks or coverings need not be worn in private work areas provided there is sufficient physical distancing from others.
2. Visitors to the courthouse, including vendors, contractors, litigants, attorneys, and other members of the public, shall be required to wear a mask or face covering when in the common or public areas of the courthouse.
3. Any person seeking entry to the courthouse without a mask or face covering shall be delayed by the Court Security Officers. A mask or face covering shall be provided by

the Court and, if no mask is available, the visitor will be asked to contact the office to be visited and determine whether alternate arrangements may be made to accomplish the business needs of the visitor without entry to the Courthouse

4. This Order shall remain in effect until amended or vacated by the undersigned.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: May 13, 2020

/s/ Beth Phillips
BETH PHILLIPS, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT