

**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 WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
COURTHOUSE ENTRANCE PROTOCOLS**

The Court continues to monitor the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) throughout the United States and the updated guidance from public health authorities at the national, state, and local levels. In light of this updated guidance, the Court hereby vacates all prior orders regarding the wearing of masks or face coverings in the courthouses of the Western District of Missouri and ORDERS as follows:

1. The requirement to wear masks or face coverings in courtrooms and during court proceedings will be determined by the presiding judicial officer.
2. Masks or face coverings may be required for large gatherings, such as naturalization and other public ceremonies and petit and grand jury selection.
3. Tenant agency heads will determine whether masks or face coverings are required in tenant agency offices.
4. Apart from the situations described above, masks or face coverings are not required in common or public areas of the courthouses, but are recommended, especially for unvaccinated persons and persons for whom COVID-19 and its variants pose an elevated health risk.
5. This Order shall remain in effect until amended or vacated by the undersigned.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATE:** March 1, 2022

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