

**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**

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, 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. All persons within the courthouse shall wear a mask or face covering when in the common or public areas of the courthouse. Court employees and other members of the Court staff need not wear masks or coverings in non-public areas provided (a) they are vaccinated against COVID-19 or (b) there is sufficient physical distancing from others.
2. 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.
3. The requirement to wear masks in courtrooms and during court proceedings will be determined by the presiding judicial officer.

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

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATE:** June 2, 2021

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