

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

RE: Mask Policy
(Updated)

Administrative Order

22-AO-038

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This administrative order supersedes Administrative Order 22-AO-027. After considering guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Michigan Department of Health, local and federal guidelines, and relevant data concerning infection, hospitalization, and death rates from COVID-19 and its variants, in consultation with an epidemiologist, and the recommendations of the Court's Reconstitution Committee, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Until further notice, the wearing of MASKS will be OPTIONAL in Court facilities, EXCEPT as set forth below.
2. Masks are required in court facilities for the following individuals:
 - a. Jurors and employees interacting with them;
 - b. Attendees in naturalization ceremonies;
 - c. Attendees in duty court;
 - d. Employees in close contact with the public;
 - e. Unvaccinated lawyers and litigants; and
 - f. Members of the general public visiting the Pretrial Services Agency and Probation Department.

Acceptable masks include: KN95, N95, surgical, or multi-layered cloth masks. Masks with vents and face shields are unacceptable. If a person does not have a mask, they will be provided one.

3. Judicial officers have discretion to require any or all individuals in a courtroom to wear a mask.

4. No one can order a juror or employee to remove a mask.

This order may be amended if circumstances require.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:


Sean F. Cox
Chief Judge

6/29/22