

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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Re: Access to Federal District Court
Courthouses in the Eastern District
of Michigan During the COVID-19
Pandemic (UPDATED)

Administrative Order

No. 23-AO-005

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER – COURTHOUSE ENTRY/MASKING

This administrative order supersedes administrative order 22-AO-057 (Access to Federal District Court) and provides updated guidance related to courthouse entry processes.

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, and the recommendations of the Court's Reconstitution Committee, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1) In public areas, the Court recommends, but does not mandate masks.
- 2) The Court recommends and encourages masks for jurors while serving in the trial courtrooms. Each judge has the right to direct those in the courtroom to wear masks.
- 3) The Court recommends and encourages masks for court staff working in close proximity with other staff or the public.

The following are acceptable masks: 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.

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


- 4) All persons must conduct a health self-assessment and will be directed by court security to review the list of questions regarding COVID-19 status and possible exposure. The health self-assessment can be found on the Court's website.
- 5) A person may not enter the Courthouse if he or she:
 - a. is positive for COVID-19; or
 - b. is experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 identified in the health self-assessment or have experienced within the last 10 days;

- 6) A person exposed to an infected individual for a total of 15 minutes or more within the past 24 hours must wear an acceptable mask when entering the courthouse.
- 7) Employees of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan should refer to the Employee COVID Pandemic Policy for guidance related to pandemic protocols, including the wearing of masks.


This order may be amended if circumstances require.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:



Sean F. Cox
Chief Judge



Date