

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

In Re:

COVID-19 ENTRANCE
REQUIREMENTS

STANDING ORDER 2022-03

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To protect public health, including the health of court staff, parties, court participants, and all other building occupants, the Court hereby orders that:

1. The following persons shall not enter any courthouse or U.S. Probation Office of the Middle District of Georgia without prior permission from the Chief Judge or his designee:
 - a. Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last five days; or
 - b. Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last ten days and symptoms have not improved; or
 - c. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any healthcare provider or state or local health authority within the time period of entering the courthouse; or
 - d. Fully vaccinated persons who have been exposed to COVID-19 within the last five days and are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19; or
 - e. Unvaccinated persons who have been exposed to COVID-19 within the previous five days.

2. The following procedures govern the use of masks or other face coverings:
 - a. Pursuant to current CDC guidance, masks shall be worn in public spaces of the courthouse when the county in which the relevant divisional courthouse is located is classified by the CDC as “high risk.” The clerk will post signs at the entrance indicating the current masking requirement based upon this dynamic criteria.
 - b. Presiding judges shall establish the requirement for wearing masks for court proceedings in their courtrooms.
3. Anyone denied entry due to these precautions will be provided with contact information for the relevant entity with whom they have business.
4. The United States Marshal, his deputies, and court security officers shall deny entry to anyone attempting to enter in violation of this Order and shall have the authority to remove anyone from a courthouse or United States Probation Office in the Middle District for failure to abide by this Order while in our facilities.
5. Nothing in this order prevents hearings from being conducted remotely pursuant to the CARES Act with the consent of the Defendant and approval of the presiding judge.
6. This order supersedes all previous standing orders inconsistent with today’s order.

SO ORDERED, this 3rd day of March, 2022.

Marc T. Treadwell
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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE