

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
WICHITA FALLS DIVISION**

**SPECIAL ORDER NO 13-17**

**RE: REQUIREMENTS FOR COURTHOUSE ENTRY  
DURING NATIONAL PANDEMIC EMERGENCY**

Owing to the public health emergency declared by the president of the United States in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning May 25, 2020, each person over two years of age who requires access to the court in the Graham B. Purcell, Jr., Post Office and Federal Building must have nose and mouth covered with a close-fitting fabric or cloth mask while in public space on the second floor of the building and while using the elevator and stairs for ingress or egress. This precaution is being required to reduce airborne spread of the disease. Anyone who refuses to wear a face covering as directed by this order will not be permitted entry past security on the second floor. Such persons may, however, contact the court for special accommodations by calling 940-767-1902, or by sending an email message through the “Email Us” tab in the upper left-hand corner of court’s website at [www.txnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.txnd.uscourts.gov).

The provisions of this order will remain in effect until further order of the Court.

**SO ORDERED** this 22nd day of May, 2020.

  
Reed O'Connor  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE